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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES CLIMB HIGHEST IN ELEVEN MONTHS

NEW YORK, October 27 -- Erasing the previous month's dip, building permits issued in the 200 largest U.S. cities climbed 13.3 per cent in May to $2,777,967,467, the largest volume in eleven months, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Up from $2,451,179,009 in April, permit issuances topped by a widening margin their comparable 1978 level, running 27.2 per cent above the $2,184,409,484 in May a year ago.

Builders in the 199 cities outside New York were issued permits totalling $2,710,563,973, some 14.8 per cent more than the $2,360,431,882 in the previous month and the second largest amount on record. New Orleans and Chicago contributed a big lift to the May permits. Compared with last year, permit volume in the 199 cities ran a robust 26.5 per cent ahead of the $2,142,407,699 issued in May a year earlier.

A contrary trend took place in New York City where builders filed plans valued at $67,403,494, one fourth less than the nine-month peak of $90,747,127 established in April. Still, New York's filings bulked more than half again as heavy as the $42,001,785 in the like month last year.

Building permit issuances in the 200 cities during the first five months of 1979 came to $11,170,653,404, rising 18.1 per cent from the $9,457,274,892 reported in the similar period of 1978. This represented the strongest year-to-year headway so far in '79. The steepest percentage climbs from a year-earlier occurred in Boston and Honolulu. In aggregate dollar amounts, Houston, Los Angeles, Dallas and Phoenix maintained the top four rankings while Chicago pushed into fifth place.

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2. MAY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January.....	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475	$ 1,094,555,899
February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359,299,738
June.....		3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....		2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....		2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....		2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....		2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....		2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total.....	$	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022	$16,199,283,073

R = Revised

Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first five months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		Five Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1.	Houston, Texas.....	1000.0	+ 49.8
2.	Los Angeles, California.....	634.5	+ 29.1
3.	Dallas, Texas.....	424.2	+ 22.9
4.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	293.3	+ 24.3
5.	Chicago, Illinois.....	286.7	+ 55.2
6.	New York, New York.....	258.6	+ 44.4
7.	San Diego, California.....	256.9	+ 3.7
8.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	197.4	+ 70.2
9.	Austin, Texas.....	194.3	+ 33.1
10.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	176.2	+ 56.1
11.	Seattle, Washington.....	156.4	+ 44.6
12.	San Jose, California.....	156.1	+ 24.6
13.	San Antonio, Texas.....	149.2	+ 36.7
14.	New Orleans, Louisiana.....	147.4	+ 42.0
15.	Columbus, Ohio.....	138.0	- 47.5
16.	Boston, Massachusetts.....	128.2	+ 76.9
17.	Indianapolis, Indiana.....	126.6	+ 32.8
18.	Denver, Colorado.....	125.8	+ 21.3
19.	Washington, D. C.....	122.7	+ 64.1
20.	Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	121.4	+ 5.1
21.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	117.3	- 10.4
22.	Sacramento, California.....	114.9	+ 30.3
23.	Minneapolis, Minnesota.....	111.4	+ 124.5
24.	San Francisco, California....	110.3	- 18.9
25.	Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	107.1	- 43.2

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		MAY 1979	FIVE MONTHS 1979	FIVE MONTHS 1978
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	34,037,900	122,702,295	81,349,200
	BRONX	5,176,518	10,611,168	10,119,260
	BROOKLYN	10,238,900	30,521,160	39,572,870
	QUEENS	6,877,700	45,286,460	15,980,328
	RICHMOND	11,072,476	49,519,941	32,356,201
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	67,403,494	258,641,024	179,137,859
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	110,799,447	286,680,078	184,716,432
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	160,776,387	634,537,083	491,327,008
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	17,246,157	69,788,361	69,761,796
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	20,317,061	82,775,868	61,226,175
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	226,440,522	1,000,004,714	667,358,596
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	14,117,487	54,602,443	97,191,442
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	74,595,481	424,165,046	345,184,247
9.	WASHINGTON, D. C.	39,229,735	122,716,125	74,756,885
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	4,452,935	47,569,337	27,567,971
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	32,753,743	126,603,337	95,331,944
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	33,796,489	61,015,564	64,236,370
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	25,520,514	110,336,305	136,050,718
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	54,803,172	256,944,704	247,761,525
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	27,754,034	149,240,470	109,138,413
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	31,966,000	128,175,637	72,473,400
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	25,816,837	72,794,544	67,364,565
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	14,262,872	32,239,623	41,284,674
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	88,080,789	147,432,474	103,849,253
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	58,969,389	293,290,727	235,963,400
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	31,915,745	138,014,194	262,995,201
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	51,510,221	156,402,935	108,192,680
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	15,621,269	80,392,183	107,736,124
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	7,045,523	51,286,909	27,648,175
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	30,818,096	125,783,725	103,676,133
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	19,533,764	64,398,107	85,296,623
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	42,459,866	178,163,020	112,845,455
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	2,695,041	11,799,109	8,986,281
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	24,423,691	63,197,377	57,447,349
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	33,955,894	94,967,197	87,821,197
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	39,445,142	156,057,611	125,284,315
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	8,710,064	111,409,193	49,633,835
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	123,404,768	105,058,998	101,363,972
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	14,269,362	47,987,603	36,826,617
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	21,063,560	105,213,856	94,956,715
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	1,560,880	13,612,290	4,135,222
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	22,698,293	117,287,701	130,838,857
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	6,239,617	35,805,403	65,914,478
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	1,984,865	13,014,948	15,729,569
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	7,946,525	41,576,267	34,071,665
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	9,986,405	57,338,259	38,772,183
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	10,861,015	67,586,034	33,657,619
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	30,724,800	107,123,750	188,722,927
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	46,728,442	197,386,829	115,958,671
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	24,209,685	93,577,044	103,337,271
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	12,044,270	39,449,824	52,518,669
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	7,426,364	20,481,118	21,437,984
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	15,975,851	45,750,881	45,401,075
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	3,483,689	10,270,521	16,860,600
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	8,128,537	36,122,513	29,280,460
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	21,009,365	75,014,882	43,385,334
52.	AKRON, OHIO	4,069,382	15,703,836	17,674,548
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	24,656,834	86,370,875	52,839,908
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	1,817,945	9,028,856	2,440,650
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	20,663,783	114,894,503	88,159,149
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	34,995,443	194,326,320	145,965,232
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	1,644,911	20,511,842	20,002,153
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	36,660,337	121,446,000	115,582,009
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	13,287,332	42,269,310	12,908,978
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	12,086,763	52,124,895	61,901,799
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	6,562,618	41,823,703	32,086,545
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	18,192,628	77,153,113	55,557,854
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	572,654	7,315,723	3,410,450
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	4,748,587	26,089,984	22,940,027
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	3,740,018	17,493,328	13,791,386
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	26,945,418	35,729,933	9,952,133
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	2,508,166	17,653,238	23,151,103
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	13,771,529	38,554,191	35,851,838
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	15,196,544	48,868,079	44,554,472
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	569,112	2,754,911	5,540,315
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	2,173,475	13,504,975	15,235,150
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	6,740,199	24,597,755	47,780,622
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	750,502	6,091,019	6,958,157
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	16,733,216	54,757,003	41,744,111
75.	GARY, INDIANA	830,997	10,014,780	4,822,530
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	5,094,803	34,812,384	71,257,999
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	5,909,162	28,612,204	27,428,680
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	20,282,510	103,113,156	124,634,963
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	10,315,382	37,629,896	46,916,447
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	5,191,382	24,454,070	25,902,800
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	10,238,232	44,199,132	70,282,259
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	11,703,847	92,476,035	74,777,858
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	16,007,955	60,704,401	67,220,052
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	4,720,687	19,105,348	8,676,847
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	6,541,260	23,235,518	12,947,701
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	4,212,411	30,547,901	37,400,199
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	1,057,389	7,766,042	5,275,421
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	9,320,969	43,757,106	29,982,588
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	4,518,069	23,267,982	30,077,869
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	6,996,278	30,385,640	31,047,877
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	13,978,775	28,795,994	23,243,953
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	7,284,931	42,816,649	51,176,053
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	5,971,861	16,562,873	15,916,842
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	741,889	7,163,893	4,837,902
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	5,580,959	21,536,496	35,369,553
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	11,149,179	30,739,129	14,572,360
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	880,866	1,922,058	6,443,229
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	28,222,170	47,194,245	22,984,813
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	1,645,863	8,936,996	14,250,263
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	2,620,575	19,994,281	19,676,464
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	5,637,833	24,827,004	28,001,346
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	597,625	4,613,847	7,571,674
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO	20,430,350	84,160,145	104,750,442
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	4,493,300	13,677,575	15,534,615
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	11,225,000	42,550,600	16,813,500
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR.	4,385,934	24,512,449	18,481,193
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	5,972,022	45,470,791	20,394,030
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	4,611,390	26,920,419	41,118,475
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	2,742,357	33,802,614	10,486,891
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	600,695	10,949,500	7,996,100
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	12,881,666	36,373,498	61,629,861
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	8,196,660	24,427,597	22,586,075
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	32,846,685	93,675,798	69,064,155
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	3,914,529	22,027,344	9,309,254
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	2,179,646	15,750,954	14,598,702
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	5,058,368	21,557,882	23,479,784
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	4,621,044	29,481,196	16,583,947
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	12,795,954	51,590,205	34,016,145
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,172,998	11,793,676	20,040,268
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	4,285,638	30,528,896	31,941,355
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	11,065,581	28,068,801	37,460,154
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	3,703,480	16,612,080	5,226,358
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	2,176,366	8,784,888	5,449,201
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF	7,035,611	32,237,467	61,195,097
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	4,752,087	34,264,252	31,201,769
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	2,739,011	5,959,164	6,227,445
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	748,886	9,320,046	18,202,027
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	3,925,329	24,650,140	25,051,014
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	368,750	2,273,195	2,932,617
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	3,732,646	15,266,097	10,083,873
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	2,655,250	11,624,884	8,467,764
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	15,756,446	32,817,526	23,309,055
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	7,533,284	25,396,375	25,796,566
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	8,442,972	26,590,877	25,752,267
135.	CANTON, OHIO	1,219,418	15,506,768	11,479,634
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	3,134,937	8,284,097	10,159,931
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	17,336,618	100,791,892	22,842,573
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	19,366,755	55,513,377	53,684,282
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	1,364,485	3,754,149	1,803,306
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	1,079,929	17,053,425	2,835,805
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	12,348,935	58,259,345	55,509,118
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	3,822,881	19,390,947	30,457,922
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	488,731	2,114,339	2,185,131
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF	9,852,956	31,421,071	27,350,384
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	15,686,532	63,816,792	10,816,471
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	166,192	2,848,705	7,851,257
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	61,580	1,619,061	1,323,454
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	1,885,367	27,213,415	6,947,696
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASS	968,674	5,068,404	3,880,427
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	21,594,200	72,737,100	53,691,300
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	1,894,024	8,685,715	7,457,852
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASS	3,760,947	7,581,060	5,673,011
153.	PARMA, OHIO	1,653,350	16,928,350	5,060,150
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	5,931,764	15,354,177	18,151,959
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	6,372,202	34,085,250	22,244,966
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	7,118,590	16,879,605	20,241,850
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	29,355,614	57,962,511	21,354,168
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	5,821,614	20,266,528	14,022,008
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	5,224,621	30,601,419	21,010,059
160.	FALL RIVER, MASS	352,800	1,678,949	1,678,680
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	1,354,733	28,004,454	18,185,203
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	14,431,958	48,705,218	36,923,693
163.	WACO, TEXAS	5,767,113	39,847,221	17,410,828
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	2,546,933	7,421,946	5,271,783
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	294,305	13,603,685	8,270,155
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	6,710,408	31,689,902	31,877,093
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	6,860,598	30,799,052	25,580,282
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	927,921	7,936,152	11,392,263
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	365,039	2,639,699	7,868,227
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	722,100	2,834,450	5,110,770
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	6,133,542	20,801,139	15,093,542
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	4,350,903	4,956,412	3,173,470
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,028,048	4,748,932	2,633,022
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	22,609,970	102,695,717	114,855,571
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	2,954,121	15,569,190	11,430,907
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	1,062,805	3,059,026	3,281,776
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,060,439	9,956,662	7,144,964
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	5,847,685	28,214,761	38,098,647
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	6,569,603	37,790,847	26,428,949
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	5,242,779	23,850,633	33,195,614
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	462,244	4,618,261	6,384,294
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	17,097,984	31,581,129	10,730,486
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASS	247,912	1,824,755	1,975,076
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,822,105	8,888,367	9,637,832
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIF	12,714,295	38,374,558	20,519,480
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH	774,500	1,539,800	2,205,550
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	437,296	1,901,356	2,616,693
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	4,531,300	18,335,679	14,932,010
189.	MANCHESTER, N.H.	3,399,516	13,055,640	11,817,371
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIF	7,547,721	45,661,848	44,514,318
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	490,307	3,222,491	1,774,546
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	13,403,157	40,577,799	18,630,656
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	2,080,588	21,279,811	15,382,888
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	792,690	6,401,480	3,954,754
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	5,394,025	14,954,143	6,261,033
196.	FULLERTON, CALIF	1,255,898	22,210,823	38,514,563
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	369,245	3,507,672	44,522,095
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	2,487,720	10,445,479	10,013,802
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	923,245	5,068,380	2,681,475
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	1,726,933	37,820,011	5,455,189
TOTALS:	200 Largest Cities Listed Above	2,777,967,467	11,170,653,404	9,457,274,892

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES LEVEL OFF, SKID BELOW YEAR AGO

NEW YORK, December 4 -- The dollar volume of permits issued builders in the nation's 200 largest cities levelled off at $2,773,160,539 in June, just 0.2 per cent short of $2,777,967,467 reached in May, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Despite holding nearly steady wi h a month earlier, permit issuances skidded below a year ago for the first time this year, running 12.7 per cent behind the record $3,175,380,926 attained in June 1978.

In the 199 cities outside New York,building permits eased 2.2 per cent to $2,651,583,154 from $2,710,563,973 in the preceding month. Sharp declines in Chicago, New Orleans and San Diego outweighed some strong increases, particularly the gains in Houston, Spokane and Hollywood, Florida. Aggregate volume in the 199 cities this June fell 15.0 per cent short of the $3,121,306,617 issued in the like month last year. Precipitous drops from '78 levels took place in Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.

Contrary to the general trend, New York showed a hefty jump in plans filed by builders, to $121,577,385, almost double the $67,403,494 in the previous month and the largest amount in eleven months. Filings by New York builders outpaced even more strongly their year-earlier plans which came to $54,074,309 in the previous June.

For the first half year as a whole, building permits issued in the 200 largest cities remained ahead of a year earlier totalling $13,943,813,943, some 10.4 per cent more than the $12,632,655,818 in the first half of 1978. All except three of the twenty-five cities with the largest volume kept a lead over year-earlier activity. Especially strong advances from '78 levels were chalked up in Atlanta, Washington, New York, and Boston.

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2. JUNE BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January.....	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475	$ 1,094,555,899
February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359 299,738
June.....	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....		2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....		2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....		2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....		2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....		2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total.....	$	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022	$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first six months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		Six Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1.	Houston, Texas.....	1279.8	+ 57.4
2.	Los Angeles, California.....	778.2	+ 14.0
3.	Dallas, Texas.....	521.0	+ 13.9
4.	New York, N.Y.....	380.2	+ 63.0
5.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	351.5	+ 24.7
6.	Chicago, Illinois.....	324.6	+ 48.7
7.	San Diego, California.....	263.0	- 45.2
8.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	230.2	+ 75.1
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	229.2	+ 46.3
10.	Austin, Texas.....	224.7	+ 23.3
11.	San Jose, California.....	208.0	+ 14.4
12.	Seattle, Washington.....	195.0	+ 39.2
13.	New Orleans, Louisiana.....	178.4	+ 51.7
14.	San Antonio, Texas.....	171.0	+ 37.4
15.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	164.9	+ 3.7
16.	Columbus, Ohio.....	164.1	- 42.2
17.	Denver, Colorado.....	159.3	+ 9.3
18.	Indianapolis, Indiana.....	157.6	+ 2.0
19.	Arlington, Texas.....	150.5	+ 3.0
20.	Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	150.1	+ 14.3
21.	Sacramento, California.....	145.3	+ 19.3
22.	Boston, Massachusetts.....	143.3	+ 61.8
23.	Washington, D. C.....	142.5	+ 67.4
24.	Minneapolis, Minnesota.....	136.8	+ 8.9
25.	San Francisco, California.....	135.1	- 58.0

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		JUNE 1979	SIX MONTHS 1979	SIX MONTHS 1978
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	90,985,350	213,667,645	106,422,030
	BRONX	2,215,340	12,826,509	20,922,590
	BROOKLYN	5,582,050	36,103,210	45,996,153
	QUEENS	7,963,150	53,249,610	20,035,028
	RICHMOND	14,851,495	64,371,436	39,836,367
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	121,577,385	380,218,409	233,212,168
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	37,906,841	324,586,919	218,252,106
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	143,643,987	778,181,070	682,699,622
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	14,154,927	83,943,288	95,770,327
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	21,191,298	103,967,166	90,137,355
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	279,752,207	1,279,758,921	813,086,320
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	13,796,851	68,399,294	160,611,003
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	98,787,620	520,952,666	457,434,768
9.	WASHINGTON, D. C.	19,809,400	142,525,525	85,138,276
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	5,978,414	53,547,751	33,547,385
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	31,035,904	157,638,241	154,548,083
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	17,054,142	78,069,706	75,524,687
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	24,746,986	135,083,271	321,374,262
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	6,038,974	262,983,678	479,769,059
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	21,786,743	171,007,213	124,474,948
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	15,120,600	143,294,237	88,566,000
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	21,440,075	94,234,619	86,464,508
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	10,301,542	42,541,165	47,715,847
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	30,965,328	178,397,802	117,623,880
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	58,171,025	351,461,752	281,923,455
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	26,094,923	164,109,117	283,749,222
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	38,557,731	194,960,666	140,019,508
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	18,658,479	99,010,662	123,270,632
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	27,619,580	78,906,289	52,627,597
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	33,562,377	159,346,102	145,743,572
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	19,113,245	83,511,352	88,437,218
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	54,063,805	230,226,825	151,463,238
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	3,401,206	15,200,315	10,089,259
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	16,963,399	80,160,776	78,625,791
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	31,186,673	126,153,870	109,445,674
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	51,928,069	207,985,680	181,711,733
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	25,380,171	136,789,364	125,595,965
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	26,878,079	131,937,077	128,280,044
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	8,463,300	56,450,903	45,426,026
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	21,681,070	126,894,926	113,226,215
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	493,175	14,105,465	11,297,242
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	47,647,902	164,935,603	159,115,684
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	10,460,918	46,064,321	83,636,215
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	5,466,958	18,481,906	21,092,531
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	15,302,105	56,678,372	41,389,415
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	9,266,269	66,604,528	40,349,778
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	5,597,239	73,175,273	38,344,943
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	19,786,575	126,910,325	261,766,527
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	31,778,342	229,165,171	156,664,814
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	17,835,899	111,412,943	116,915,811
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	24,222,777	63,672,601	64,872,377
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	4,241,317	24,722,435	24,525,910
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	10,587,171	56,338,052	64,220,114
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	4,117,062	14,387,583	18,980,076
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	5,382,607	41,505,200	34,823,350
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	10,110,198	85,122,080	52,456,792
52.	AKRON, OHIO	5,976,298	21,680,134	25,792,483
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	16,965,529	103,336,404	67,529,798
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	655,325	9,684,181	3,041,660
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	30,414,441	145,308,944	121,762,146
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	30,392,821	224,719,141	182,203,332
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	3,297,514	23,809,356	25,543,152
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	28,678,074	150,124,074	131,348,957
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	7,075,747	49,345,057	20,183,461
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	15,823,053	67,947,948	72,478,610
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	3,552,735	45,376,438	41,072,850
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	13,588,664	90,741,777	64,670,029
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	467,175	7,782,898	12,813,275
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	19,917,059	46,007,043	32,011,876
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	3,726,475	21,219,803	15,779,316
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	779,726	36,509,659	11,115,126
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	2,634,495	20,287,753	24,775,127
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	10,587,362	49,141,553	50,128,989
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	7,725,898	56,593,977	54,316,248
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	1,099,759	3,854,670	8,695,871
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,016,900	14,521,875	18,200,350
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	7,627,558	32,225,313	53,929,191
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	1,073,841	7,164,860	8,496,830
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	15,615,577	70,372,580	49,557,009
75.	GARY, INDIANA	700,755	10,715,535	5,526,734
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	6,717,875	41,570,259	88,077,130
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	6,800,278	39,412,482	33,223,782
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	23,720,628	126,833,784	144,606,951
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	46,684,838	84,314,734	59,522,271
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	4,102,674	28,556,744	42,566,131
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	8,505,739	52,704,871	98,349,951
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	29,889,777	122,385,812	116,618,581
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	19,072,761	79,777,162	80,315,798
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	17,877,329	36,982,677	10,313,157
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	1,703,909	24,939,427	30,719,973
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	20,792,232	51,340,133	53,664,075
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	645,890	8,411,932	6,884,243
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	16,418,535	60,175,641	37,205,881
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	3,335,533	26,603,515	38,242,716
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	8,062,820	38,448,460	54,814,537
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	9,694,519	38,490,513	28,932,538
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	9,293,320	52,109,969	64,079,238
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	5,600,451	22,163,324	18,816,484
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	1,051,036	8,214,929	5,936,097
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	12,995,834	34,532,330	42,545,580
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	7,354,237	38,093,366	24,583,024
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	2,538,973	4,461,031	8,020,481
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	3,697,785	50,892,030	31,375,208
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	2,789,807	11,706,803	20,100,191
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	7,905,032	27,899,313	24,930,104
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	9,279,120	34,106,124	35,204,552
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	2,877,997	7,491,844	12,127,339
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO	19,790,838	103,950,985	125,085,032
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	4,699,830	18,377,405	27,287,580
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	14,853,400	57,404,000	55,377,800
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR	6,827,724	31,340,173	39,467,051
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	11,757,748	57,228,139	50,272,852
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	5,790,723	62,711,142	48,155,123
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	2,485,333	36,287,952	21,726,462
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	408,610	11,358,110	8,837,721
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	4,955,196	41,328,694	72,500,592
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	4,269,247	28,696,844	31,153,527
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	22,667,214	116,341,012	84,893,248
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	4,641,111	26,668,455	12,675,247
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	3,205,116	18,956,070	16,986,937
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	4,041,257	25,599,139	38,136,139
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	3,742,985	33,224,181	21,464,152
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	10,779,065	62,369,270	42,387,065
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,184,802	13,978,478	22,209,844
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	14,354,542	44,883,438	40,868,885
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	1,210,961	35,279,782	50,022,377
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	6,381,452	22,993,532	3,966,166
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	7,146,697	15,931,585	8,098,643
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF	6,552,096	38,789,963	83,801,554
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	5,667,682	39,951,934	40,894,841
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	1,446,801	7,405,965	7,357,377
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	948,476	9,268,222	19,522,934
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	17,384,133	42,034,273	37,650,666
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	344,885	2,663,080	3,626,267
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,502,201	16,768,298	11,136,381
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,323,484	12,949,568	10,422,219
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	16,184,478	49,002,004	32,749,794
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	7,650,072	33,046,647	37,916,085
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	9,717,444	36,308,321	32,154,245
135.	CANTON, OHIO	2,205,854	17,715,122	12,297,473
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	470,925	8,755,022	12,677,819
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	19,902,861	120,694,753	25,887,223
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	11,633,656	67,147,033	56,185,296
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	2,126,850	5,860,999	2,449,228
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	8,432,254	25,485,679	4,244,039
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	17,770,852	76,030,197	77,571,680
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	32,788,932	92,179,879	37,021,761
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	612,973	2,727,312	2,793,635
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF	2,382,458	33,803,529	39,905,615
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	5,399,933	69,216,725	12,922,872
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	854,056	3,702,761	10,280,644
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	55,650	1,672,711	1,447,609
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	826,268	28,039,683	9,064,861
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASS	1,133,263	6,201,667	4,441,803
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	37,827,200	110,564,300	90,857,200
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	3,973,408	12,659,123	11,179,974
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASS	7,722,163	15,303,223	9,283,405
153.	PARMA, OHIO	1,037,500	17,965,850	6,814,250
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	2,860,278	18,214,455	30,335,721
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	5,808,651	39,893,901	28,125,509
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	6,581,035	23,460,640	23,446,863
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	15,539,120	73,501,631	22,563,078
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,964,493	22,251,021	17,554,700
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	16,848,262	47,449,681	26,213,706
160.	FALL RIVER, MASS	472,740	2,151,689	2,363,580
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	2,608,557	30,613,011	21,115,494
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	5,931,664	54,636,882	86,166,069
163.	WACO, TEXAS	11,738,872	51,586,093	20,228,766
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	3,061,399	10,483,345	7,138,673
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	2,342,750	15,946,435	19,008,535
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	9,938,191	41,628,093	51,388,960
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	7,830,210	38,629,262	33,897,440
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	2,820,114	10,756,266	12,945,630
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	3,556,232	6,195,931	8,104,876
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	530,810	3,365,260	7,649,850
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	3,540,408	24,341,547	19,101,301
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	206,256	5,164,668	3,343,420
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,936,688	6,685,620	8,062,088
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	47,842,483	150,538,200	146,156,239
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	1,863,726	17,432,876	14,004,267
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	3,129,730	6,188,756	3,620,621
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	902,811	10,859,473	11,328,775
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	3,462,481	31,677,242	48,792,611
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	8,017,926	45,808,773	36,283,444
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	8,687,468	32,537,901	40,463,884
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	5,384,435	10,002,696	8,647,821
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	7,535,374	39,116,903	21,695,343
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASS	431,832	2,256,587	2,447,896
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	5,457,417	14,345,784	12,748,170
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIF	6,809,751	45,184,309	37,553,667
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH	834,000	2,373,800	2,478,450
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	3,651,172	5,552,528	3,084,482
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	3,942,173	22,277,852	20,092,964
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	3,752,324	16,801,964	16,499,868
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIF	5,682,492	51,344,340	102,018,317
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	1,576,543	4,799,034	5,512,037
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	6,268,541	46,846,340	23,894,948
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	6,352,664	27,632,475	17,333,763
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	1,137,346	7,538,826	4,260,030
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	1,676,509	16,630,652	8,335,538
196.	FULLERTON, CALIF	1,515,566	23,726,389	59,577,189
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	1,011,738	4,519,410	50,754,506
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	5,010,834	15,456,313	11,494,405
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	546,200	5,614,580	3,597,325
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	539,254	38,359,265	8,405,941
TOTALS: 200 Largest Cities Listed Above		2,773,160,539	13,943,813,943	12,632,655,818

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES RESUME TREND ABOVE PREVIOUS YEAR

NEW YORK, January 22 - - After levelling off in the preceding month, building permits issued in the 200 largest cities slipped 3.3 per cent to $2,680,322,050 in July from $2,773,160,539 in June, reports Dun & Bradstreet. While this was the smallest volume in three months it exceeded by 12.9 per cent the $2,374,622,719 in July a year earlier, resuming the path above '78 levels that prevailed with only one exception through the first seven months of 1979.

Builders in the 199 cities outside New York were issued permits valued at $2,562,548,288, a dip of 3.4 per cent from $2,681,583,154 in the previous month. A steep drop in Houston along with substantial decreases in Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Dallas and Oklahoma City triggered the downturn between June and July. There were, however, some contrasting and sizeable increases in Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Atlanta and Davenport. Compared with the like month of 1978 a 17.3 per cent climb in permit issuances prevailed. Contrary downward pulls were noted in Indianapolis and Los Angeles.

Plans filed by New York City builders sagged 3.1 per cent to $117,773,762 in July from $121,577,385 in the preceding month but still the second largest amount in a twelve-month span. Nonetheless, New York's plans fell 37.7 per cent below the $189,175,063 filings in the year-earlier July which had marked a five-year peak for the city.

During the first seven months of 1979, an aggregate of $16,624,135,993 permits were issued builders in the 200 biggest cities, 10.6 per cent more than $15,007,278,537 issued in the similar period of 1978. Exceptionally steep climbs occurred in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Houston and New Orleans. Measured by dollar totals, Houston remained at the top of the list, followed by Los Angeles, Dallas and New York. Chicago moved ahead of Phoenix to fifth place.

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2. JULY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January.....	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475	$ 1,094,555,899
February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359,299,738
June.....	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....		2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....		2.197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....		2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....		2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total.....	$	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022	$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first seven months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		Seven Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1.	Houston, Texas.....	1405.0	+ 54.9
2.	Los Angeles, California.....	909.5	+ 5.7
3.	Dallas, Texas.....	605.8	+ 19.8
4.	New York, New York.....	498.0	+ 17.9
5.	Chicago, Illinois.....	438.1	+ 34.9
6.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	408.6	+ 24.8
7.	San Diego, California.....	325.5	- 33.2
8.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	316.3	+ 123.3
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	269.2	+ 37.6
10.	San Jose, California.....	259.5	+ 18.5
11.	Austin, Texas.....	254.7	+ 21.2
12.	Seattle, Washington.....	225.5	+ 36.8
13.	San Antonio, Texas.....	196.0	+ 33.9
14.	New Orleans, Louisiana.....	191.8	+ 44.8
15.	San Francisco, California.....	190.2	- 45.4
16.	Columbus, Ohio.....	190.0	- 38.1
17.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	189.9	+ 6.1
18.	Indianapolis, Indiana.....	188.6	- 51.1
19.	Fort Worth, Texas.....	184.6	+ 21.1
20.	Arlington, Texas.....	180.5	+ 9.8
21.	Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	177.0	+ 16.3
22.	Denver, Colardo.....	176.9	+ 11.6
23.	Washington, D.C.....	175.6	+ 80.9
24.	Sacramento, California.....	174.6	+ 28.9
25.	Nashville, Tennesee.....	171.7	+ 17.0

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATE ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		JULY 1979	SEVEN MONTHS 1979	SEVEN MONTHS 1978
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	20,851,350	234,518,081	263,929,790
	BRONX	22,402,525	35,229,033	41,778,540
	BROOKLYN	57,681,060	93,784,270	52,144,653
	QUEENS	9,117,275	62,366,885	22,022,178
	RICHMOND	7,721,602	72,093,038	42,512,080
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	117,773,762	497,992,171	422,387,231
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	113,535,253	438,122,172	324,883,871
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	131,302,694	909,483,764	860,146,298
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	34,590,615	138,533,903	120,872,673
5.	DETROIT MICHIGAN	7,985,605	111,952,771	103,426,963
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	125,292,523	1,405,049,444	906,885,157
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	18,416,135	86,815,429	169,727,016
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	84,868,758	605,821,424	505,850,755
9.	WASHINGTON, D. C.	33,117,581	175,641,106	97,090,704
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	5,395,277	59,934,028	40,197,092
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	31,003,467	188,642,708	385,765,560
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	8,435,616	86,505,322	88,058,740
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	55,099,071	190,182,342	348,264,488
14.	SAN DIEGO, CLAIFORNIA	62,502,074	325,485,752	487,363,932
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	24,986,355	195,993,568	146,401,551
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	28,047,000	171,341,237	104,602,500
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	20,175,938	114,430,557	102,459,544
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	8,784,273	51,325,438	55,274,119
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	13,374,302	191,772,104	132,484,809
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	57,181,399	408,643,151	327,490,307
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	25,926,389	190,038,506	308,871,153
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	30,494,353	225,455,019	164,823,016
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	14,794,968	113,805,630	140,294,541
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	6,422,798	85,329,087	38,950,516
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	17,592,848	158,938,950	158,540,987
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	20,891,172	104,402,524	90,420,039
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	86,065,414	316,292,239	141,656,126
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	2,110,054	17,310,369	12,440,199
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	12,164,347	92,325,123	97,493,298
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	45,496,731	171,650,601	146,733,200
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	51,845,998	259,531,678	218,998,680
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	21,261,203	158,050,567	137,988,001
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	52,702,497	184,639,574	152,434,031
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	6,101,017	62,552,720	52,208,704
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	18,954,885	145,849,511	135,227,960
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	1,842,750	15,948,215	13,301,452
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	24,933,701	188,869,304	178,974,541
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	7,712,425	53,776,746	89,155,861
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	2,289,858	20,771,764	48,679,836
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	5,883,015	62,561,387	44,839,145
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	10,818,831	77,423,359	49,961,756
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	18,924,200	92,097,273	43,660,041
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	25,334,200	152,244,525	285,619,173
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	40,008,345	269,173,516	195,571,672
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	15,770,015	127,182,958	137,040,646
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	15,136,790	78,809,391	66,668,889
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	22,536,563	47,258,998	28,937,307
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	13,006,851	69,344,903	72,389,008
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	2,631,391	17,048,974	20,419,212
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	7,495,794	49,000,994	41,619,491
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	19,308,403	104,430,485	85,609,870
52.	AKRON, OHIO	3,266,815	24,946,947	26,699,244
53.	TUSCON, ARIZONA	20,222,434	123,558,838	76,199,415
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	632,305	10,316,486	5,737,060
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	29,278,994	174,587,938	135,443,414
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	29,977,000	254,696,141	210,186,635
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	3,523,216	27,332,572	29,248,419
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	26,862,672	176,986,746	152,157,140
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	6,378,988	55,724,045	23,418,230
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	11,080,854	79,028,802	83,584,896
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	7,746,765	53,123,203	47,409,855
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	18,953,588	106,695,365	72,282,823
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	682,000	8,464,898	14,272,021
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	16,834,628	62,841,671	36,269,756
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	4,919,811	26,159,614	18,774,149
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	450,655	36,960,314	15,321,475
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	10,873,979	31,161,712	26,606,691
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	4,123,178	53,264,731	55,046,916
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	14,281,938	70,875,915	149,679,515
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	797,883	4,552,553	9,971,145
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	2,611,560	17,133,435	19,290,850
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	8,217,655	40,442,968	63,080,238
73.	WORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,086,101	9,250,961	10,942,485
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	18,860,102	89,232,682	54,157,318
75.	GARY, INDIANA	1,711,079	12,426,614	6,180,690
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	5,040,237	46,410,496	92,453,373
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	4,809,388	40,221,870	45,684,638
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	27,115,734	153,949,518	163,728,989
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	12,441,061	96,755,795	65,913,428
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	9,989,600	38,546,344	55,423,142
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	8,467,595	61,172,466	102,480,978
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	18,249,317	140,635,129	123,679,691
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	19,162,541	98,939,703	90,749,226
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,199,622	38,182,299	11,339,911
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	5,169,763	30,109,190	33,758,500
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	3,473,311	54,813,444	62,726,169
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	3,023,053	11,434,985	7,714,827
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	10,758,213	70,933,854	43,576,645
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	3,578,857	30,182,372	42,904,655
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	5,206,460	45,654,920	65,197,577
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	7,251,964	45,742,477	33,532,578
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	11,147,301	63,257,270	79,094,479
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	11,052,454	33,215,778	22,836,169
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	710,121	8,925,050	8,613,787
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	7,514,526	42,046,856	47,322,541
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	4,181,236	42,274,602	29,168,045
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	1,231,727	5,892,758	8,709,848
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	5,790,315	56,682,345	34,684,888
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	3,449,658	15,156,461	24,058,456
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	5,542,468	33,441,781	29,302,159
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	6,892,861	40,948,985	41,693,643
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	772,351	8,264,195	12,740,359
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	17,655,636	121,606,619	139,288,564
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	4,423,465	22,800,870	28,080,060
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	5,045,500	62,449,500	58,108,400
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR	4,287,820	35,607,993	43,857,975
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	7,209,778	64,438,317	58,741,202
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	15,114,396	77,825,538	57,187,003
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	4,864,840	40,352,792	23,506,963
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	1,332,970	12,691,080	9,248,529
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	6,845,497	48,174,191	78,315,434
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	3,784,015	32,480,859	36,136,777
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	20,665,759	137,006,771	98,701,166
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	4,400,230	31,068,685	14,418,816
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	6,564,798	25,520,866	22,273,922
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	8,464,487	34,063,629	40,007,464
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	3,495,163	36,719,344	24,364,388
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	13,209,836	75,579,106	75,195,718
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	8,356,536	22,335,014	25,975,769
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	5,101,288	49,984,726	50,089,216
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	10,341,592	45,621,354	54,512,809
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	2,414,083	25,407,615	5,436,402
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	4,223,148	20,154,733	9,757,133
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA	9,627,654	44,417,617	86,939,953
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	7,622,292	47,574,226	45,641,035
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	3,290,867	10,696,832	8,135,185
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	1,771,808	11,040,330	25,100,936
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	5,385,655	45,419,928	40,463,952
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	1,086,959	3,755,039	4,844,067
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	3,331,824	20,100,122	15,228,315
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,769,419	14,717,787	13,466,145
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	12,965,379	61,967,383	39,551,507
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	8,732,347	41,778,794	41,790,910
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	27,393,298	63,701,619	56,739,445
135.	CANTON, OHIO	4,459,467	22,172,089	13,887,602
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	2,905,318	11,660,340	14,399,120
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	5,852,600	124,347,353	30,071,992
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	9,187,306	76,334,339	85,929,706
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	2,177,145	8,038,144	7,255,360
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	408,138	25,893,817	4,914,007
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	19,442,740	95,472,937	91,554,501
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	7,216,867	59,396,746	48,674,266
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	1,351,249	4,078,561	3,953,454
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	8,710,536	42,514,065	43,843,024
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	3,253,931	72,470,656	33,102,978
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	1,216,008	4,918,769	11,104,937
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	775,535	2,448,246	15,970,795
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	4,488,473	32,538,156	10,287,093
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	730,640	6,932,307	6,003,674
150.	FREEMONT, CALIFORNIA	9,317,600	119,881,900	96,182,100
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	2,285,173	14,944,296	12,589,974
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	6,393,898	21,697,121	12,123,080
153.	PARMA, OHIO	1,108,600	19,074,450	9,280,550
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	1,134,363	19,348,818	31,533,461
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	3,228,526	43,122,429	31,083,968
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	33,005,082	56,465,722	29,271,573
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	19,694,029	84,195,660	25,160,099
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	2,883,646	25,134,867	20,084,242
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	7,291,833	54,741,514	32,952,122
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	96,450	2,248,139	2,667,130
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	2,440,552	33,053,863	25,390,265
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	18,496,389	66,133,271	88,549,425
163.	WACO, TEXAS	7,009,822	58,595,915	27,542,218
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	2,463,413	12,946,759	8,001,357
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	634,765	16,781,200	19,723,135
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	8,186,725	49,814,818	52,844,436
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	4,519,462	43,144,724	43,369,806
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	6,194,457	16,950,723	14,083,468
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	1,348,444	7,544,375	6,461,646
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	1,021,030	4,386,290	8,160,970
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	17,053,302	41,394,849	23,702,358
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	494,220	5,658,888	3,528,745
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	665,784	7,351,404	8,791,771
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	29,913,997	180,452,197	164,283,402
175.	DECATUR, ILLENOIS	2,158,451	19,591,327	25,459,517
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	804,140	6,992,896	4,280,672
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	2,494,000	13,353,473	13,031,762
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	6,840,256	38,517,498	58,540,431
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	5,675,484	51,484,257	42,279,443
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	12,223,392	44,761,293	45,211,651
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	782,745	10,785,441	11,062,729
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	2,653,943	41,770,448	22,807,974
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	259,634	2,516,221	3,297,746
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,130,934	15,476,718	14,116,181
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	16,666,162	61,850,471	40,376,488
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH	528,400	2,902,200	2,883,700
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	670,056	6,222,584	4,449,005
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	19,845,059	42,122,911	22,854,364
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	6,431,924	23,239,888	25,388,614
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	7,258,736	58,603,076	102,580,726
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	736,416	3,535,450	6,666,515
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	7,995,875	54,442,215	25,680,855
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	950,234	28,582,709	22,862,685
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	3,111,178	10,650,004	4,581,785
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	1,116,923	17,747,175	10,454,502
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	3,380,725	27,107,114	62,600,020
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	354,033	4,873,443	51,100,795
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	1,148,734	16,605,047	13,404,379
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	614,700	6,229,280	5,291,650
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	1,866,923	40,226,188	9,566,024
	TOTALS: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	2,680,322,050	16,624,135,993	15,007,278,532

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES RECOVER MOMETUM, REACH 14-MONTH HIGH

NEW YORK, March 20 - - With a 14.7 per cent increase, building permits issued in the 200 largest cities surged to $2,986,549,135 in August, the heaviest volume in fourteen months, reports Dun & Bradstreet. This marked recovery from a slump to a three-month low of $2,680,322,050 in July. As well, permit issuances jumped 42.5 per cent above the previous year's $2,096,290,105 in the comparable month.

In the 199 cities outside New York, there was a 12.2 per cent rebound during August to $2,875,252,075 in permits issued builders from $2,562,548,288 in the preceding month. Giving a big boost to the month's total were Seattle, San Francisco, Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, Houston and Columbus. As well, permits in the 199 cities climbed above the previous year's level at more than double the July rate, jumping 42.0 per cent above the $2,024,596,993 in August 1978.

In contrast to the general rebound, plans filed by builders in New York continued to sag for the second month in a row, dipping 5.5 per cent to $111,297,060 from $117,773,762 a month earlier. However, filings in New York bulked more than half again as large as in the like month of the preceding year when the total came to $71,693,112.

An aggregate of $19,610,685,128 building permits were issued in the 200 largest cities during the first eight months of 1979, an advance of 14.7 per cent from $17,103,568,642 in the comparable period a year earlier. The dollar valuations of permit issuances more than doubled in Atlanta and Boston. In addition, climbs in the 40 to 60 per cent range were noted in Seattle, Houston, New Orleans and San Antonio.

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2. AUGUST BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January.....	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475	$ 1,094,555,899
February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359,299,738
June.....	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....		2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....		2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....		2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total	$	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022	$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first eight months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		Eight Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1.	Houston, Texas.....	1561.3	+ 49.5
2.	Los Angeles, California.....	1087.2	+ 12.4
3.	Dallas, Texas.....	662.6	+ 18.2
4.	New York, New York.....	609.3	+ 23.3
5.	Chicago, Illinois.....	517.8	+ 37.3
6.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	473.4	+ 27.2
7.	San Diego, California.....	396.4	- 24.6
8.	Seattle, Washington.....	349.5	+ 67.2
9.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	343.6	+ 131.8
10.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	331.0	+ 46.1
11.	San Francisco, California.....	321.2	- 13.8
12.	San Jose, California.....	319.6	+ 30.4
13.	Austin, Texas.....	294.1	+ 21.3
14.	Columbus, Ohio.....	258.7	- 24.6
15.	Boston, Massachussets.....	254.0	+ 129.9
16.	Denver, Colorado.....	253.5	+ 27.7
17.	San Antonio, Texas.....	233.9	+ 40.9
18.	Fort Worth, Texas.....	224.7	+ 24.2
19.	Indianapolis, Indiana.....	220.0	- 46.3
20.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	219.9	+ 6.6
21.	Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	213.5	+ 22.3
22.	New Orleans, Louisana.....	212.8	+ 44.3
23.	Arlington, Texas.....	210.0	+ 8.8
24.	Sacramento, California.....	200.1	+ 36.4
25.	Nashville, Tennessee.....	188.4	+ 11.5

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		AUGUST 1979	EIGHT MONTHS 1979	EIGHT MONTHS 1978
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	53,812,350	288,331,295	295,572,380
	BRONX	37,830,100	73,059,133	51,480,540
	BROOKLYN	7,999,710	101,783,980	65,633,053
	QUEENS	6,517,173	68,984,058	30,379,678
	RICHMOND	5,137,727	77,230,765	51,014,692
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	111,297,060	609,289,231	494,080,343
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	79,710,955	917,833,127	377,108,756
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	177,674,489	1,087,158,253	966,806,963
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PA.	27,614,692	166,148,505	190,038,037
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	11,920,817	123,873,588	111,415,195
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	156,245,836	1,561,295,280	1,044,693,070
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	17,933,753	106,749,182	198,540,435
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	56,808,452	662,629,876	560,447,113
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	6,951,115	182,592,221	140,835,079
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	9,574,485	69,508,515	48,896,877
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	31,377,186	220,019,894	409,631,961
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	15,822,099	102,327,421	97,054,848
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	131,013,459	321,195,801	372,639,861
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	70,889,582	396,375,334	525,922,390
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	37,923,824	233,917,392	165,976,977
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	82,691,000	254,032,237	110,491,800
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	12,646,161	127,056,718	136,848,830
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	15,642,195	66,967,633	71,240,913
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	21,041,698	212,813,802	147,503,702
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	64,752,242	473,395,393	372,257,833
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	68,704,174	258,739,680	343,055,552
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	123,997,826	349,452,845	209,058,447
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	37,142,314	150,947,944	154,583,387
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	5,823,458	91,152,545	59,298,627
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	76,511,815	253,450,765	198,468,522
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	20,193,865	124,596,389	107,631,453
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	27,282,630	343,574,869	148,205,189
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	5,364,201	22,674,570	24,457,264
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	14,911,295	107,236,418	99,333,020
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	16,725,598	188,378,189	168,998,373
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	60,116,454	319,648,132	245,113,156
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	9,145,462	167,196,029	150,947,124
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	40,098,362	224,737,936	190,947,566
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	18,457,487	81,010,207	99,310,747
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	23,733,185	169,582,998	160,919,420
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	987,519	16,935,734	14,117,672
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	29,986,296	219,855,600	206,306,457
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	22,654,864	76,431,610	97,105,908
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	4,207,511	24,979,275	58,982,094
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	13,540,224	76,101,611	51,946,460
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	11,275,730	85,679,139	55,104,763
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	10,537,176	120,577,141	43,135,341
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	25,994,527	178,239,052	304,281,738
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	61,840,757	331,014,273	226,569,486
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	39,956,401	167,141,359	163,511,968
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	23,894,065	102,703,456	81,897,936
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	4,433,419	51,692,417	34,123,198
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	11,042,044	80,386,947	77,973,869
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	11,237,258	28,256,232	24,612,553
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	4,631,600	53,632,594	47,230,362
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	23,882,300	128,312,785	80,304,901
52.	AKRON, OHIO	10,258,619	35,205,566	32,846,527
53.	TUSCON, ARIZONA	21,515,551	145,074,389	90,047,220
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	1,507,090	11,823,576	3,982,810
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	25,550,560	200,138,498	146,781,065
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	39,393,700	294,089,841	242,355,675
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	3,446,632	30,779,204	35,570,273
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	36,492,671	213,479,417	174,604,729
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	16,990,382	72,714,427	28,307,985
60.	CHARLOTTE, NO. CAR.	18,176,206	97,205,008	92,614,241
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	3,120,565	56,243,868	54,652,520
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	21,627,317	128,322,682	94,707,566
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	612,700	9,077,598	14,819,494
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	9,427,282	72,286,933	44,485,137
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	19,527,775	45,667,387	19,491,233
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	3,654,129	40,614,443	19,570,759
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	2,474,269	33,635,981	32,844,554
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	16,846,566	70,111,299	58,863,964
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	7,194,118	78,070,033	158,040,153
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	1,085,892	5,736,445	10,446,007
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,915,700	19,049,135	20,266,790
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	5,989,722	46,432,690	66,825,011
73.	WORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	821,109	10,072,070	13,079,425
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	10,749,050	99,981,740	62,145,160
75.	GARY, INDIANA	525,611	12,952,225	7,484,079
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	12,222,003	58,632,499	97,069,532
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	4,302,601	44,524,471	52,271,486
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	21,710,821	175,660,339	180,807,983
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	11,821,366	108,577,161	81,633,675
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	3,142,407	41,688,751	57,797,377
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	16,125,494	77,297,960	115,964,934
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	16,466,250	157,101,379	136,458,196
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	11,314,530	118,254,233	103,207,076
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,364,180	39,546,479	12,998,604
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	4,625,554	34,734,744	36,726,485
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	2,860,999	57,674,443	72,619,901
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	1,380,343	12,815,328	8,646,673
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	12,317,172	83,251,026	49,924,696
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	6,751,578	36,933,950	47,457,425
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	11,292,757	54,947,677	70,558,177
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	10,134,028	55,873,505	46,862,416
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	10,332,698	73,589,968	91,896,779
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	2,724,468	35,940,246	26,559,926
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	1,733,759	10,658,809	9,174,532
95.	GREENSBORO, NO. CAR.	13,984,940	56,031,796	56,928,560
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	11,041,181	53,315,783	31,830,534
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	252,080	5,944,858	11,467,326
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	5,645,210	62,327,355	42,138,093
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	3,023,142	18,179,603	32,047,792
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	2,544,063	35,985,844	30,998,155
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	4,625,891	41,524,476	45,409,930
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	3,800,750	14,084,945	15,190,104
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	20,538,870	142,145,489	158,965,969
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	5,797,545	28,598,415	28,566,490
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	10,549,400	72,998,900	64,071,300
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR.	6,341,957	41,949,950	51,460,749
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	5,980,456	70,418,773	54,729,400
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	12,855,937	90,681,475	67,882,813
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	5,295,768	45,648,560	30,563,678
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	5,075,189	17,766,269	10,627,571
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	5,936,590	54,110,781	64,154,348
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	3,784,015	36,264,874	46,508,862
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	29,245,376	166,252,147	117,714,158
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	1,784,953	32,853,638	17,677,078
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	11,024,285	36,545,151	24,625,602
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	2,638,297	36,701,923	42,705,740
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	3,970,821	40,690,165	27,956,455
118.	RALEIGH, NO. CAR.	13,394,496	88,973,602	82,372,043
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	10,253,157	32,588,171	31,085,518
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	14,671,801	64,656,527	58,296,558
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	3,069,761	48,691,115	58,448,439
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	2,933,257	28,340,872	9,687,982
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	1,269,593	21,424,316	12,125,679
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA	6,544,776	54,962,393	90,218,533
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	7,841,085	55,415,311	51,406,280
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	4,445,559	15,142,391	9,912,493
127.	COLUMBIA, SO. CAR.	1,245,500	12,285,830	29,618,298
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	5,688,299	51,108,227	45,519,130
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	2,089,400	5,844,439	4,971,467
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	2,611,984	22,712,106	29,588,383
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	2,351,876	17,089,663	15,452,661
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	2,451,477	64,418,860	44,829,792
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	5,980,858	47,739,652	47,711,774
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	7,676,888	21,378,507	42,619,552
135.	CANTON, OHIO	1,043,627	23,215,716	15,668,258
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	3,733,655	15,393,995	18,018,054
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	15,092,310	139,439,663	40,032,907
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	20,020,239	96,354,578	99,494,905
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	1,338,820	9,376,964	9,153,260
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	856,413	26,750,230	7,818,358
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	14,936,732	110,409,669	115,677,499
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	3,276,938	62,673,684	57,525,661
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	384,123	4,462,684	4,562,558
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CA	5,441,207	47,955,272	48,423,856
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	13,481,365	35,952,021	35,859,470
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	585,874	5,504,643	11,786,898
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	135,275	2,583,519	16,100,400
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	878,912	33,407,068	12,460,847
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	628,320	7,560,627	6,444,646
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	1,320,000	121,201,900	108,194,400
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	3,499,385	18,443,681	15,191,950
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	3,662,108	25,359,229	18,141,615
153.	PARMA, OHIO	1,609,800	20,584,250	9,728,350
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	3,091,135	22,439,953	34,610,010
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	7,394,117	50,516,546	34,738,629
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	3,000,212	59,465,934	32,986,389
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	8,164,865	92,360,525	26,665,428
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	2,305,345	27,440,212	24,005,911
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	2,172,523	56,914,037	38,422,581
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,716,990	4,965,089	2,936,186
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	2,830,717	35,884,580	28,632,572
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	9,060,442	75,193,713	91,766,537
163.	WACO, TEXAS	6,498,455	65,092,370	29,896,902
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	2,604,617	15,551,376	10,853,296
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	555,864	17,336,864	20,786,000
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	2,674,754	52,489,572	59,561,105
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	6,938,212	50,082,936	53,153,914
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	2,037,163	18,987,886	15,921,506
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	427,870	7,972,245	9,257,045
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	523,380	4,909,670	10,968,090
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	5,617,382	47,012,231	29,474,864
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	1,436,434	7,095,322	3,899,545
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	907,300	8,258,704	10,289,907
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	29,558,579	210,010,776	193,034,701
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	2,871,988	22,463,315	32,842,618
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	741,215	7,754,111	4,530,832
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	874,831	14,228,304	13,763,997
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	4,361,903	42,879,401	64,325,214
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	5,079,805	56,564,062	46,205,560
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	5,814,366	50,575,659	49,709,952
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,215,265	12,000,706	11,812,119
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	3,974,516	45,744,962	25,171,623
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	211,952	2,728,173	3,569,606
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	2,856,300	18,333,018	15,377,565
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	12,091,818	73,942,289	68,367,353
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH.	521,800	3,424,000	3,389,400
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	971,002	7,193,586	7,324,095
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	5,019,870	47,142,781	26,345,114
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,947,473	25,187,361	28,484,953
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	4,543,049	63,146,125	111,806,511
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	869,611	6,405,061	7,573,508
192.	PONDNA, CALIFORNIA	9,416,151	44,251,366	35,187,204
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	3,475,343	32,558,252	24,162,925
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	978,343	11,628,547	6,244,895
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	1,669,013	19,416,188	11,435,758
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	3,588,883	30,695,997	65,228,357
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	7,354,625	12,228,068	53,383,385
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	7,915,075	24,520,122	14,932,724
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	877,475	7,106,755	6,140,450
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	3,219,414	43,445,602	9,890,899
	TOTALS: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	2,986,549,135	19,610,685,128	17,103,568,642

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
DIP MODERATELY BUT EXCEED YEAR AGO

NEW YORK, May 20 - - Permits issued builders in the 200 largest cities dipped 5.4 per cent to $2,825,024,489 in September from the fourteen-month peak of $2,986,549,135 in August, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Still, dollar volume exceeded earlier months of 1979. Also, although the margin held above year-earlier activity narrowed from the big advance in the previous month, permit issuances remained a healthy 28.5 per cent larger than the volume of $2,197,718,509 in September 1978.

A steep plunge occurred in the amount of plans filed by New York City builders, to $65,581,478 from $111,297,060 in the preceding month. This was the smallest volume since March for the five boroughs of New York. Furthermore, it fell 19.2 per cent short of the $81,183,093 in plans filed in September 1978.

In the 199 cities outside New York, building permits eased down 4.0 per cent to $2,759,443,011 in September from $2,875,252,075 a month earlier. Providing much of the downward push were Los Angeles, Houston, San Francisco, Seattle and Denver. Noteworthy increases, however, were posted in Philadelphis, Baltimore, Washington, and San Diego. Compared with the like month of 1978, the 199 cities showed a 30.4 per cent advance from the year-earlier pace of $2,116,535,416.

During the first three quarters of 1979, building permits issued in the 200 largest cities totalled $22,435,709,617, one-sixth more than the $19,301,287,151 in the similar quarters of 1978. Of the 25 cities with the biggest aggregate volume, four did not share in this year-to-year gain while ten chalked up increases over twice the national average. Atlanta and Boston showed by far the strongest percentage growth in permit issuances from the previous year. In aggregate dollar amounts, the top five rankings remained unchanged: Houston, Los Angeles, Dallas, New York, and Chicago.

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2. SEPTEMBER BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January.....	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475	$ 1,094,555,899
February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359,299,738
June.....	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....		2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....		2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total	$	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022	$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first nine months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		Nine Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1.	Houston, Texas.....	1693.0	+ 44.0
2.	Los Angeles, California.....	1217.0	+ 13.1
3.	Dallas, Texas.....	719.0	+ 17.2
4.	New York, New York.....	674.9	+ 17.3
5.	CHicago,.Illinois.....	604.2	+ 40.7
6.	San Diego, California.....	566.1	- 0.05
7.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	535.5	+ 28.2
8.	Seattle, Washington.....	391.3	+ 68.2
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	386.2	+ 47.6
10.	San Francisco, California.....	380.0	- 2.8
11.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	357.2	+ 124.9
12.	San Jose, California.....	351.4	+ 29.8
13.	Austin, Texas.....	327.0	+ 19.2
14.	Columbus, Ohio.....	291.5	- 20.5
15.	San Antonio, Texas.....	282.1	+ 55.7
16.	Boston, Massachussets.....	273.5	+ 118.1
17.	Denver, Colorado.....	270.4	+ 22.7
18.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania....	258.1	+ 34.4
19.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	256.5	+ 11.2
20.	Fort Worth, Texas.....	256.3	+ 28.6
21.	Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	255.7	+ 26.3
22.	Arlington, Texas.....	250.5	+ 17.5
23.	Indianapolis, Indiana.....	249.6	- 42.5
24.	New Orleans, Louisana.....	228.3	+ 43.1
25.	Sacramento, California.....	225.7	+ 39.4

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		SEPTEMBER 1979	NINE MONTHS 1979	NINE MONTHS 1978
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	14,390,544	302,721,830	337,727,304
	BRONX	330,550	73,349,693	55,450,980
	BROOKLYN	14,142,224	115,926,204	98,745,253
	QUEENS	30,093,146	90,977,204	35,115,328
	RICHMOND	6,629,014	93,155,779	58,224,661
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	65,581,478	674,270,709	575,263,436
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	86,350,494	604,193,611	423,333,641
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	129,795,304	1,216,953,647	1,075,570,881
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	31,973,326	251,121,961	191,450,091
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	26,456,773	150,730,361	122,654,633
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	131,751,227	1,693,046,507	1,175,633,329
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	43,121,479	249,870,657	247,002,540
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	86,321,009	711,457,881	643,[illegible],456
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	36,744,266	219,390,473	169,241,428
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	18,143,211	87,551,724	56,776,865
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	29,583,491	249,603,385	433,760,197
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	9,964,400	112,195,821	110,882,424
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	58,781,132	379,976,933	391,120,743
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	169,763,190	566,143,524	566,399,985
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	48,146,249	212,063,631	181,211,795
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	19,429,000	273,461,237	125,397,300
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	31,817,539	158,674,256	159,675,828
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	15,076,532	82,044,165	87,427,602
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	15,514,653	221,328,455	159,562,446
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	62,140,060	539,535,453	417,585,802
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	32,760,007	291,499,687	366,537,041
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	41,425,359	391,279,203	232,652,864
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	16,657,170	167,605,064	177,712,005
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	7,076,682	98,229,227	69,730,732
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	19,147,044	239,567,688	220,360,153
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	10,141,494	143,737,[illegible]	121,[illegible],[illegible]
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	13,[illegible],144	153,[illegible],[illegible]	15[illegible],[illegible]
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	2,255,764	24,830,514	34,622,[illegible]
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	56,[illegible],519	164,054,[illegible]	100,304,504
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	15,[illegible],634	201,681,[illegible]	230,[illegible],021
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	31,790,[illegible]	351,446,170	230,735,[illegible]
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	10,232,470	173,428,507	165,[illegible],643
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	31,646,174	256,246,110	180,357,[illegible]
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	4,[illegible],[illegible]	45,[illegible],[illegible]	47,[illegible],[illegible]
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	15,[illegible],[illegible]	113,[illegible],[illegible]	87,[illegible],[illegible]
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	640,690	17,276,104	18,[illegible],[illegible]
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	36,[illegible],[illegible]	296,[illegible],[illegible]	230,[illegible],[illegible]
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	7,[illegible],[illegible]	54,[illegible],[illegible]	100,[illegible],[illegible]
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	2,[illegible],[illegible]	27,[illegible],[illegible]	36,[illegible],[illegible]
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	9,[illegible],[illegible]	75,[illegible],[illegible]	57,[illegible],[illegible]
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	11,[illegible],[illegible]	100,[illegible],[illegible]	75,[illegible],[illegible]
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	5,[illegible],[illegible]	47,[illegible],[illegible]	30,[illegible],[illegible]
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	35,[illegible],[illegible]	214,[illegible],[illegible]	125,[illegible],[illegible]
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	32,[illegible],[illegible]	366,[illegible],[illegible]	261,[illegible],[illegible]
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	23,[illegible],[illegible]	190,[illegible],[illegible]	176,[illegible],[illegible]
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	11,[illegible],[illegible]	114,[illegible],[illegible]	93,[illegible],[illegible]
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	5,[illegible],[illegible]	57,[illegible],[illegible]	30,[illegible],[illegible]
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	16,[illegible],[illegible]	97,[illegible],[illegible]	80,[illegible],[illegible]
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	3,[illegible],[illegible]	31,[illegible],[illegible]	20,[illegible],[illegible]
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	11,[illegible],[illegible]	65,[illegible],[illegible]	60,[illegible],[illegible]
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	12,[illegible],[illegible]	140,[illegible],[illegible]	92,[illegible],[illegible]
52.	AKRON, OHIO	4,272,952	39,[illegible],[illegible]	40,556,[illegible]
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	16,546,[illegible]	161,620,507	103,930,161
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	1,[illegible],[illegible]	12,[illegible],[illegible]	4,401,590
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	25,566,[illegible]	225,[illegible],[illegible]	161,976,262
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	32,[illegible],[illegible]	326,[illegible],[illegible]	274,264,[illegible]
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	4,323,[illegible]	35,102,992	30,702,747
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	42,249,542	255,[illegible],[illegible]	202,549,[illegible]
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	2,564,879	15,299,306	30,692,512
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	5,944,596	103,149,604	109,623,108
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	7,930,305	64,[illegible],[illegible]	59,214,810
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	8,272,125	136,504,907	106,256,[illegible]
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible]
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	1,191,293	23,660,226	49,192,786
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	3,882,226	49,549,613	39,526,243
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	1,542,479	42,157,322	20,423,577
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	2,853,534	36,[illegible],[illegible]	41,917,121
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	6,480,243	76,591,542	63,559,693
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	14,756,454	92,826,907	166,746,613
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	331,948	6,110,343	12,600,[illegible]
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	5,455,950	24,503,[illegible]	24,508,050
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	10,627,802	57,[illegible],492	72,[illegible],064
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,771,622	12,843,692	28,188,366
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	15,229,782	115,211,522	76,586,115
75.	GARY, INDIANA	7,075,692	20,025,917	4,[illegible],[illegible]
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	10,527,507	64,160,006	112,107,702
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	5,102,425	49,526,996	36,627,914
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	23,303,644	191,[illegible],[illegible]	192,829,413
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	11,058,178	119,635,339	88,514,624
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	7,844,830	49,533,581	61,187,374
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	62,083,384	139,[illegible],344	132,693,908
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	12,218,587	169,319,966	155,783,527
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	28,058,246	138,312,479	113,244,583
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	7,819,909	47,366,388	14,713,997
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	16,031,544	50,766,288	39,690,013
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	6,423,629	64,099,072	87,074,063
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	2,276,635	15,091,963	12,200,709
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	15,411,129	98,662,155	59,658,671
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	1,[illegible],614	39,102,564	50,530,217
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	7,969,190	62,416,867	76,029,333
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	6,509,349	62,485,154	54,246,[illegible]
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	8,165,666	81,755,434	103,413,524
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	4,513,530	40,453,776	29,088,525
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	961,408	11,620,217	10,671,593
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	5,127,599	61,159,395	61,660,817
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALFIRONIA	5,503,322	58,819,105	31,549,684
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	5,070,831	12,015,669	12,501,586
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	9,706,300	72,035,855	46,602,620
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	5,123,269	23,302,872	34,902,300
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	2,791,183	30,777,027	33,352,364
101.	ALTOONA, ALABAMA	5,042,652	50,717,529	49,315,546
102.	[illegible], CONNECTICUT	524,500	14,589,245	19,350,044
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	14,374,508	107,119,237	174,411,770
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	1,270,[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible]	31,650,[illegible]
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	5,437,500	79,436,200	81,519,500
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR.	6,432,944	48,362,894	54,070,932
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	4,677,350	75,096,112	57,305,746
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	8,038,304	98,719,779	74,564,737
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	3,676,731	40,325,291	32,614,690
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	1,531,770	19,298,039	12,147,590
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	3,076,099	62,106,980	93,892,670
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	4,092,042	40,357,316	50,496,767
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	16,[illegible],365	187,[illegible],[illegible]	177,[illegible],[illegible]
114.	[illegible]	5,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible]	11,[illegible],[illegible]
115.	TOPEK , [illegible]	[illegible],[illegible]	45,427,406	31,615,703
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	552,246	30,254,204	46,438,490
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	2,223,530	42,413,735	30,101,[illegible]
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	13,[illegible],495	102,[illegible],095	[illegible],701,715
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,630,015	39,219,148	32,694,158
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	4,677,315	69,534,942	64,422,409
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	3,106,694	51,747,904	62,496,290
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	5,147,428	34,[illegible],500	15,[illegible],415
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	4,250,316	25,676,632	15,[illegible],113
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA	3,089,340	[illegible],051,733	[illegible],222,540
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	4,345,244	59,[illegible],555	53,[illegible],429
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	631,170	15,920,561	10,[illegible],170
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	2,357,433	14,625,269	33,[illegible],607
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	2,204,344	53,312,771	51,465,251
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	451,914	8,246,433	5,[illegible],917
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,959,665	24,671,771	41,440,[illegible]
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	4,969,424	22,030,217	19,[illegible],861
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	16,263,651	[illegible],668,511	48,044,[illegible]
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	1,364,966	49,104,620	49,839,200
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	7,705,157	79,165,644	54,959,911
135.	DAYTON, OHIO	3,495,[illegible]	26,711,204	18,[illegible],[illegible]
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	1,770,405	17,164,800	21,561,[illegible]
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	3,514,105	142,[illegible],[illegible]	49,[illegible],002
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	12,374,122	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	110,[illegible],640
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	1,048,600	10,425,564	[illegible],640,510
140.	RAYMOND, INDIANA	1,987,272	2,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
141.	STOCKTON, CLAIFORNIA	26,[illegible],[illegible]	131,[illegible],462	127,[illegible],[illegible]
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	44,[illegible],767	107,[illegible],451	64,[illegible],[illegible]
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	301,495	4,444,179	4,342,670
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	11,[illegible],657	51,[illegible],[illegible]	40,[illegible],[illegible]
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	1,076,626	[illegible],[illegible],647	30,[illegible],[illegible]
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	1,104,[illegible]	6,[illegible],[illegible]	15,[illegible],[illegible]
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	56,025	2,[illegible],544	16,[illegible],[illegible]
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	1,116,443	34,523,511	18,[illegible],[illegible]
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	6,222,[illegible]	13,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	8,[illegible],[illegible]	129,[illegible],[illegible]	121,[illegible],[illegible]
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	2,[illegible],[illegible]	20,[illegible],[illegible]	21,[illegible],[illegible]
152.	[illegible], MASSACHUSETTS	1,[illegible],[illegible]	26,[illegible],[illegible]	21,[illegible],[illegible]
153.	PARMA, OHIO	3,330,[illegible]	24,[illegible],[illegible]	11,[illegible],[illegible]
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	8,342,752	30,762,705	35,[illegible],[illegible]
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	4,[illegible],[illegible]	54,[illegible],[illegible]	41,[illegible],[illegible]
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	12,[illegible],[illegible]	72,[illegible],[illegible]	36,[illegible],[illegible]
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	19,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	33,[illegible],[illegible]
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,[illegible],[illegible]	28,[illegible],[illegible]	26,[illegible],[illegible]
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	9,[illegible],[illegible]	66,[illegible],[illegible]	50,[illegible],[illegible]
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	297,[illegible]	5,[illegible],[illegible]	3,[illegible],[illegible]
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	2,[illegible],[illegible]	38,[illegible],[illegible]	30,[illegible],[illegible]
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	12,[illegible],[illegible]	87,[illegible],[illegible]	100,[illegible],[illegible]
163.	WACO, TEXAS	7,[illegible],[illegible]	72,[illegible],[illegible]	32,[illegible],[illegible]
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	1,[illegible],[illegible]	16,[illegible],[illegible]	13,[illegible],[illegible]
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	1,[illegible],[illegible]	18,[illegible],[illegible]	21,[illegible],[illegible]
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	7,[illegible],[illegible]	59,[illegible],[illegible]	62,[illegible],[illegible]
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	55,[illegible],[illegible]	55,[illegible],[illegible]
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	19,[illegible],[illegible]	17,[illegible],[illegible]
169.	SPARKS, NEVADA	1,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	10,[illegible],[illegible]
170.	[illegible], CALIFORNIA	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	13,[illegible],[illegible]
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	4,[illegible],[illegible]	51,[illegible],[illegible]	37,[illegible],[illegible]
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	4,[illegible],[illegible]
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	3,[illegible],[illegible]	11,[illegible],[illegible]	13,[illegible],[illegible]
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	40,[illegible],[illegible]	250,[illegible],[illegible]	215,[illegible],[illegible]
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	2,[illegible],[illegible]	24,[illegible],[illegible]	36,[illegible],[illegible]
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	5,[illegible],[illegible]
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,[illegible],[illegible]	15,[illegible],[illegible]	14,[illegible],[illegible]
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	4,[illegible],[illegible]	47,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	4,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	5,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	[illegible],[illegible]	12,[illegible],[illegible]	12,[illegible],[illegible]
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	7,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	52,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	3,[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible],[illegible],[illegible]
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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES UPTURN TO THE SECOND HIGHEST LEVEL IN 16 MONTHS

New York, August 29 - - Building permits in the 200 largest cities rebounded in October to $2,899,533,662, some 2.6 percent above the previous month's level of $2,825,024,489, reports Dun & Bradstreet. This dollar volume, the second highest in sixteen months, kept 25.8 per cent ahead of its year-earlier, October 1978, pace of $2,305,383,414--marking the fourth staight month in which sizeable year-to-vear gains occurred.

Building permits for the 199 cities outside New York also upturned in October to $2,853,261,075 from $2,759,443,011 a month earlier . a 3.4 per cent advance. San Francisco, Dallas, and Toledo were among those cities showing substantial increases. San Diego, Philadelphia, and Anaheim, on the other hand, posted significant declines. Compared to a year earlier, aggregate volume in the 199 cities showed a 27.0 per cent jump over October 1978's volume of $2,247,265,414.

In contrast to the general rebound, plans filed by builders in New York City fell for the fourth month in a row in October, to $46,272,587-- 29.4 percentage points below September's $65,581,478 pace. Filings in New York also continued to lag behind their year-ago activity, down 20.4 per cent from the comparable 1978 month's total of $58,118,000.

In the first ten months of 1979, building permits reached $25,335,432,279 in the 200 largest cities, 17.3 per cent ahead of the similar year-ago period when permits hit $21,606,670,565. Contributing to this increase were all but four of the top twenty-five cities (in dollar permit total). Issuances in Boston, Seattle, Los Angeles, and Atlanta posted indivual gains ranging from $151 million to $206 million, while Houston had the largest ten-month jump, of almost $500 million.

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2. OCTOBER BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January.....	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475	$ 1,094,555,899
February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359,299,738
June.....	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....		2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total	$	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022	$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first ten months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

	Ten Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1. Houston, Texas.....	1845.4	+ 36.5
2. Los Angeles, California.....	1354.6	+ 15.0
3. Dallas, Texas.....	825.5	+ 18.6
4. New York, New York.....	721.1	+ 13.9
5. Chicago, Illinois.....	650.1	+ 23.0
6. San Diego, California.....	633.1	+ 4.9
7. Phoenix, Arizona.....	597.7	+ 32.4
8. San Francisco, California.....	547.9	+ 29.8
9. Honolulu, Hawaii.....	444.6	+ 42.3
10. Seattle, Washington.....	420.6	+ 64.1
11. San Jose, California.....	392.5	+ 30.0
12. Austin, Texas.....	389.2	+ 30.4
13. Atlanta, Georgia.....	373.8	+ 122.1
14. Columbus, Ohio.....	322.1	- 20.7
15. Arlington, Texas.....	311.3	+ 32.7
16. San Antonio, Texas.....	309.3	+ 55.0
17. Fort Worth, Texas.....	299.9	+ 31.7
18. Boston, Massachusetts.....	294.9	+ 105.6
19. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	289.8	+ 27.2
20. Denver, Colorado.....	287.2	+ 21.2
21. Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	281.8	+ 21.9
22. Indianapolis, Indiana.....	273.4	- 42.1
23. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	268.6	- 3.0
24. Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	245.9	- 32.9
25. New Orleans, Louisiana	242.4	+ 41.7

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PRESPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		OCTOBER 1979	TEN MONTHS 1979	TEN MONTHS 1978
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	27,024,545	330,446,364	355,416,668
	BRONX	4,737,615	78,127,298	64,364,000
	BROOKLYN	2,607,225	111,533,429	97,339,203
	QUEENS	4,723,245	103,700,449	50,615,528
	RICHMOND	6,279,952	60,139,736	65,627,951
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	46,012,582	731,147,276	633,361,436
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	45,318,263	650,101,874	526,406,763
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	137,619,667	1,384,573,314	1,179,224,482
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	10,464,356	266,586,317	276,903,351
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	11,216,961	161,947,322	136,230,947
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	102,313,676	1,845,360,193	1,351,802,255
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	33,134,443	185,005,900	259,568,187
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	106,499,774	829,457,858	695,958,691
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	16,546,604	235,339,091	211,321,512
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	9,953,340	97,505,064	73,012,195
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	32,180,566	281,783,951	466,789,414
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	15,417,599	127,615,410	124,912,176
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	167,950,390	547,927,315	422,274,674
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	67,000,494	633,144,022	603,769,908
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	27,196,749	309,260,440	199,556,324
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	21,430,000	294,991,237	143,421,300
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	15,140,049	174,014,306	177,439,210
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	2,[illegible]	102,[illegible]	94,049,775
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	14,052,568	242,381,023	171,010,558
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	62,140,060	597,675,513	451,524,857
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	30,590,340	322,090,027	406,062,218
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	29,362,412	420,642,615	266,279,881
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	34,248,847	206,893,971	137,800,831
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	5,326,138	103,555,429	89,158,384
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	15,876,140	267,205,048	236,876,646
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	34,079,600	179,713,563	157,340,492
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	16,611,805	335,444,819	184,293,615
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	1,344,710	26,279,024	31,304,240
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	37,075,864	201,130,801	116,535,054
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	19,947,704	217,009,524	263,902,369
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	31,016,475	342,463,145	301,960,410
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	31,140,216	209,586,723	194,783,469
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	43,625,402	299,909,512	227,779,097
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	42,312,978	129,759,170	78,652,543
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	16,742,530	202,312,406	194,653,160
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	5,601,294	23,177,619	57,357,546
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	33,306,352	289,705,760	295,103,490
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	36,338,602	120,645,716	122,374,961
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	6,520,876	34,005,865	73,400,704
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	11,307,601	96,726,282	69,971,872
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	10,436,255	110,439,591	88,656,236
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	12,209,568	171,499,164	76,194,331
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	31,972,620	245,911,472	366,631,726
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	5,375,110	444,572,414	312,432,298
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	20,130,626	210,334,884	193,089,154
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	3,651,159	124,255,372	100,900,277
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	6,603,402	63,962,243	41,491,172
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	4,577,707	106,659,930	103,989,180
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	2,662,319	34,363,796	30,039,849
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	10,337,003	75,533,215	76,002,954
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	15,554,496	156,847,869	105,312,272
52.	AKRON, OHIO	4,481,038	45,930,456	44,624,160
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	22,505,559	114,126,046	120,862,832
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	7,424,329	20,301,779	4,551,190
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	16,450,036	242,175,202	172,153,827
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	62,217,200	369,201,441	298,403,852
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	6,334,776	41,631,768	46,250,619
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	17,659,725	273,384,684	224,347,513
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	5,260,426	40,567,732	34,177,804
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	20,507,163	123,696,787	122,317,076
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	24,176,700	89,359,093	62,985,765
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	10,364,492	146,649,299	115,232,725
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	720,674	10,303,761	16,283,394
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	15,352,196	98,812,422	53,800,805
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	12,596,225	62,135,838	50,440,694
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	7,926,672	50,003,994	21,169,348
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	4,373,149	40,862,664	45,130,313
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	16,230,154	92,821,696	68,847,826
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	11,409,356	104,236,343	177,879,998
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	963,072	6,973,665	13,428,809
71.	[illegible]	867,500	29,370,685	26,899,250
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	13,602,260	70,740,752	60,353,773
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	3,921,527	15,765,219	20,613,436
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	34,633,433	149,844,955	85,285,046
75.	GARY, INDIANA	702,391	20,728,508	9,675,208
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	9,950,262	73,110,268	121,644,800
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	12,092,460	61,719,356	63,793,642
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	30,778,923	229,822,906	220,683,418
79.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	25,247,066	144,862,405	101,091,150
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	2,881,880	52,415,461	64,577,371
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	11,292,654	150,673,998	144,777,426
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	14,125,001	183,444,967	171,951,337
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	14,997,296	153,309,[illegible]	148,277,434
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,807,637	49,174,025	15,872,887
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	6,273,152	57,039,440	41,674,012
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	7,772,914	71,870,886	97,279,760
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	929,375	16,021,336	14,293,108
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	23,416,862	122,079,017	65,633,125
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	3,943,219	42,645,782	54,813,355
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	10,363,510	73,300,377	84,881,057
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	6,105,374	69,591,228	71,413,177
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	9,124,963	99,580,597	111,762,820
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	4,065,101	44,518,877	32,559,693
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	455,595	12,075,812	11,405,241
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	9,220,458	70,387,853	65,764,500
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	6,322,756	67,141,663	41,025,863
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	277,739	12,293,408	12,912,266
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	20,864,585	92,898,240	55,136,503
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	2,945,801	26,198,673	37,621,563
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	13,759,925	52,536,952	35,061,960
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	3,368,895	54,076,013	42,742,425
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	3,688,238	18,279,813	19,262,595
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	23,564,308	140,694,505	184,550,773
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	4,904,280	34,318,450	33,027,070
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	2,836,000	41,272,200	27,655,600
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR.	28,229,161	75,612,019	70,965,122
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	3,[illegible]14,156	34,010,968	65,336,588
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	12,717,827	111,457,606	70,605,777
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	3,846,749	55,172,040	34,395,750
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	2,049,550	21,347,593	15,360,210
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	5,339,174	70,586,054	104,080,545
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	2,699,860	43,057,676	55,594,670
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	6,440,463	130,148,915	147,217,152
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	5,566,362	36,596,147	25,716,695
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	5,220,935	49,648,341	34,444,178
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	3,412,568	41,166,777	51,516,143
117.	MACON GEORGIA	22,586,779	65,502,506	32,962,619
118.	RALEIGH, NO. CAR.	13,250,715	116,032,145	108,173,290
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	4,115,549	39,333,135	35,116,642
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	4,095,240	26,630,092	30,703,941
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	15,765,457	67,561,246	75,270,857
122.	SAVANAH, GEORGAI	11,520,090	45,556,540	20,091,602
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	2,208,596	27,876,618	17,470,454
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	24,918,695	92,470,428	98,805,468
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	6,253,333	66,051,988	65,396,296
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	2,136,555	15,812,119	11,921,019
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	1,408,704	16,051,567	35,006,869
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	5,277,286	50,590,069	53,609,946
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	304,310	6,604,743	5,514,317
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	2,791,869	27,463,640	46,115,256
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	2,089,265	28,129,552	20,067,224
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	2,329,267	23,417,778	54,919,795
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	3,592,615	36,657,435	59,321,775
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	10,080,594	89,244,059	61,925,833
135.	DANTON, OHIO	2,336,657	29,487,361	20,368,702
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	2,241,889	19,406,899	22,230,416
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	12,646,280	155,599,948	48,458,589
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	11,263,094	113,745,704	120,598,956
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	1,150,675	11,576,259	11,961,233
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	802,477	24,389,679	10,641,903
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	24,112,633	149,530,995	145,041,752
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	2,621,804	104,752,350	67,070,627
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	467,[illegible]35	5,312,014	5,027,726
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	16,460,595	76,119,324	72,461,685
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	2,304,740	30,220,427	40,544,749
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	1,[illegible]63,[illegible]00	8,245,[illegible]00	[illegible]
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	661,435	3,300,379	16,405,340
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	6,086,211	40,609,722	18,284,638
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	769,229	14,552,401	7,395,774
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	12,201,800	141,479,100	141,631,100
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	3,446,331	24,074,401	23,576,738
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,230,126	27,714,300	31,757,162
153.	PARMA, OHIO	2,[illegible]5,[illegible]00	29,558,250	12,674,255
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	5,344,741	34,177,446	30,801,171
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	19,530,539	74,401,366	45,411,957
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	3,[illegible]22,[illegible]29	25,[illegible]11,[illegible]58	45,344,328
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	9,475,019	121,176,140	57,929,764
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,[illegible]59,660	30,747,439	29,841,417
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	22,757,874	88,851,542	59,316,299
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	748,585	6,011,174	3,689,565
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	4,750,434	45,239,679	32,598,942
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	7,260,563	84,545,902	107,166,597
163.	WACO, TEXAS	4,[illegible]09,330	77,000,921	34,379,161
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	3,[illegible]98,216	19,963,763	14,120,471
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	2,087,310	20,841,039	22,968,600
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	12,[illegible]96,879	71,824,329	66,114,011
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	5,[illegible]97,451	61,065,[illegible]37	60,426,232
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	3,176,762	22,356,253	23,656,357
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	1,014,068	10,465,905	19,218,373
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	864,330	6,323,530	13,679,450
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	3,220,[illegible]35	54,[illegible]40,766	42,331,195
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	142,495	7,457,047	4,870,055
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,304,955	42,578,052	14,046,936
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	60,[illegible]95,038	311,[illegible]85,197	234,602,365
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	33,991	24,[illegible]79,767	40,592,246
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	1,101,447	[illegible],517,508	5,415,177
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,610,195	17,121,[illegible]98	15,002,245
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	6,305,470	53,363,175	27,042,575
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	9,287,370	30,114,[illegible]66	54,503,359
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	2,[illegible]53,302	5,[illegible]56,450	57,171,088
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	503,493	13,[illegible]35,[illegible]13	15,373,959
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	2,610,991	55,411,477	35,243,150
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,383,[illegible]38	4,566,[illegible]85	5,405,911
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,737,004	21,169,157	17,[illegible]65,158
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	13,453,580	139,[illegible]45,[illegible]36	58,596,115
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	222,765	4,774,465	4,[illegible]71,[illegible]65
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	4,521,130	12,251,666	[illegible],667,448
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	3,655,936	53,815,517	35,139,080
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	2,556,698	30,603,588	31,685,369
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	9,[illegible]85,155	78,225,[illegible]35	125,767,205
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	741,566	8,553,430	12,269,356
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	14,823,694	80,449,244	46,478,547
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	1,321,144	35,166,835	32,704,837
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	1,089,503	14,663,516	21,208,360
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	2,345,177	24,569,233	16,465,144
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	4,513,658	42,980,396	75,273,074
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	435,610	15,008,[illegible]75	54,610,563
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	799,416	30,[illegible]34,459	30,653,098
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	724,530	9,697,620	7,648,250
200.	PONTICA, MICHIGAN	721,914	47,623,960	11,532,596
	TOTALS: 200 LARGEST CITIES LISTED ABOVE	2,809,533,662	28,[illegible]39,243,[illegible]98	21,606,470,565

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES FALL DESPITE A HUGE NEW YORK INCREASE

NEW YORK, September 4 - - Permits issued builders in the 200 largest cities fell 13.9 per cent in November, to $2,495,786,359 from the prior month's $2,899,533,662 level, despite a surge in New York, reports Dun & Bradstreet. While this was the largest monthly drop in almost a year and a half, an increase of 21.7 per cent was still registered (due mostly from New York) over November 1978's volume of $2,050,242,106.

In the 199 cities outside New York, November's permits registered a 24.5 percentage point fall-off from October, $2,153,806,564 versus $2,853,261,075. Sizeable drops in San Francisco, especially, and Phoenix, Austin, San Diego, and Arlington (Texas) contributed to this decline while partly offsetting gains occurred in Philadelphia, Saint Louis, and Virginia Beach. On a year-to-year basis, however, the 199 cities maintained a 6.3 per cent lead over November 1978 when permits totaled $2,027,015,992.

Contrary to the drop between October and November seen in the 200 cities, plans filed by builders in New York rocketed in November to $341,979,795 from $46,272,587 a month earlier--the largest volume since December 1969. Plans for three new Manhattan office buildings largely accounted for New York's surge over November 1978's $23,226,114 volume.

The aggregate dollar volume of building permits in the 200 largest cities for the first eleven months of 1979 kept a 17.6 percentage point margin over the like period in 1978, $27,831,029,638 compared to $23,656,912,671. Of the twenty-five leading cities in terms of dollar volume, Boston showed the largest percentage increase, 95.9, while San Antonio, New York, and Seattle showed better than 50 per cent increments in eleven-months totals.

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2. NOVEMBER BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January...	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475	$ 1,094,555,899
February..	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359,299,738
June.....	2,773,160 539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August....	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733.131	1,622,806,467
September.	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October...	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
Novebmer..	2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December..		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total	$	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022	$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first eleven months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		Eleven Months 1979	%Change Previous Year
1.	Houston Texas	1977.0	+ 30.5
2.	Los Angeles, California	1499.6	+ 18.1
3.	New York, New York	1063.1	+ 61.9
4.	Dallas, Texas	910.5	+ 19.2
5.	Chicago, Illinois	707.0	+ 20.6
6.	San Diego, California	667.1	+ 1.6
7.	Phoenix, Arizona	627.3	+ 24.6
8.	San Francisco, California	593.0	+ 12.9
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii	490.1	+ 34.6
10.	Seattle, Washington	451.2	+ 64.5
11.	San Jose, California	423.8	+ 30.9
12.	Austin, Texas	418.4	+ 27.7
13.	Atlanta, Georgia	387.8	+ 15.7
14.	Columbus, Ohio	345.2	- 18.7
15.	Arlington, Texas	341.1	+ 29.6
16.	San Antonio, Texas	337.7	+ 54.3
17.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	318.2	+ 4.6
18.	Fort Worth, Texas	315.9	+ 22.0
19.	Boston, Massachusetts	305.0	+ 95.9
20.	Denver, Colorado	302.5	+ 17.7
21.	Oklahoma City, Okalhoma	301.7	+ 13.1
22.	Indianapolis, Indiana	296.9	- 40.6
23.	Albuquerque, New Mexico	289.8	+ 10.4
24.	Virginia Beach, Virginia	284.2	+ 20.3
25.	Tulsa, Oklahoma	262.6	- 35.3

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PRESPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THE INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY $1/E		NOVEMBER 1975	ELEVEN MONTHS 1975	ELEVEN MONTHS 1974
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	314,486,100	645,532,414	369,091,664
	BRONX	4,953,720	83,081,018	65,046,465
	BROOKLYN	10,324,132	126,857,561	100,692,003
	QUEENS	4,056,820	107,757,269	52,395,578
	RICHMOND	7,759,023	97,894,759	69,341,840
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	341,979,795	1,063,123,091	656,607,550
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	56,903,248	703,005,162	586,345,716
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	145,015,983	1,499,547,297	1,266,922,526
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	49,617,189	319,203,506	304,302,507
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	23,077,163	193,024,705	148,531,276
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	131,650,362	1,977,010,575	1,514,935,436
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	37,006,415	220,012,015	266,084,349
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	85,001,251	910,458,010	763,595,008
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	31,444,448	267,383,539	248,423,363
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	5,362,750	102,867,814	110,941,125
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	15,070,752	206,654,703	499,676,096
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	13,215,104	140,021,514	130,712,163
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	45,085,623	693,012,940	525,345,190
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	54,000,555	667,148,577	656,693,519
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	26,435,506	337,695,946	211,859,466
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	10,103,000	304,964,257	155,725,700
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	22,342,201	196,407,006	174,392,031
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	44,244,661	150,134,691	105,471,919
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	18,977,092	261,359,765	180,119,772
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	29,630,260	627,315,773	503,546,342
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	23,133,571	348,223,[illegible]	424,794,337
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	30,548,918	451,[illegible]33	274,246,356
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	22,860,555	229,764,126	215,712,034
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	2,509,865	108,064,260	91,601,424
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	15,280,170	302,444,[illegible]	256,961,240
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	17,113,971	199,833,534	167,575,204
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	15,977,770	367,[illegible]22,[illegible]	179,782,211
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	1,157,921	27,432,645	42,719,952
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	17,983,142	219,113,943	132,677,241
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	25,561,515	242,577,344	294,029,595
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	31,351,049	425,[illegible]14,193	323,711,008
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	12,040,653	220,579,596	199,742,[illegible]88
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	16,010,574	315,929,386	259,056,311
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	16,052,257	145,611,427	[illegible]88,486,[illegible]87
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	14,779,665	217,091,571	218,765,170
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	3,501,596	76,675,[illegible]49	60,195,206
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	11,925,534	301,719,294	266,737,416
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	5,613,104	126,258,[illegible]20	129,457,403
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	4,956,449	30,904,314	75,662,032
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	12,789,935	109,516,217	73,485,867
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	10,505,509	121,145,100	94,605,440
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	16,237,019	147,736,183	83,739,099
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	16,720,000	262,631,472	406,173,709
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	45,563,480	490,135,694	364,047,365
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	16,972,675	227,707,559	206,945,244
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	14,843,330	139,098,702	104,486,947
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	3,046,748	67,048,991	43,638,147
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	15,649,948	122,309,[illegible]78	118,489,671
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	1,035,237	35,399,033	30,770,939
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	8,291,540	93,824,755	90,631,566
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	22,100,889	176,[illegible]16,058	116,262,944
52.	AKRON, OHIO	1,327,419	45,257,875	49,332,395
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	17,109,767	201,235,813	129,037,090
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	7,029,074	27,330,953	6,133,725
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	35,442,819	277,619,021	190,934,464
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	29,206,200	418,407,941	327,536,252
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	3,497,719	45,125,[illegible]97	49,888,559
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	15,412,812	298,797,496	262,519,397
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	3,094,256	[illegible]3,651,963	38,765,911
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	13,698,954	133,355,741	133,625,861
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	5,738,040	94,147,133	69,361,305
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	7,754,398	154,703,697	125,310,225
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	486,050	10,[illegible]59,431	16,781,066
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	2,910,861	91,723,293	59,068,655
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	3,023,675	65,159,513	51,890,654
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	480,430	20,564,424	23,045,723
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	7,903,771	48,766,435	49,293,904
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	9,569,709	102,330,405	75,239,418
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	7,692,109	111,929,452	185,799,716
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	416,204	7,3[illegible]1,659	13,892,162
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,968,250	27,278,935	29,533,650
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	8,534,171	79,574,923	83,509,610
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	764,132	17,529,351	31,546,486
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	30,162,276	180,007,231	91,605,408
75.	GARY INDIANA	11,261,164	31,989,472	11,421,316
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	2,189,840	61,300,108	125,509,898
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	6,969,510	68,689,165	69,759,045
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	54,372,472	284,125,379	236,225,113
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	9,742,555	154,624,955	110,782,935
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	5,068,440	57,483,901	66,217,606
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	14,400,329	165,074,327	154,829,543
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	7,944,982	191,389,949	189,538,958
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	25,287,321	178,597,096	156,734,557
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	3,045,440	52,219,465	16,720,534
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	2,946,225	59,985,665	45,061,016
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	7,090,057	78,960,943	109,896,994
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	929,375	16,850,711	14,723,553
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	3,397,073	125,476,090	74,379,011
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	3,413,963	46,05[illegible]49	57,220,927
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	3,2[illegible]1,769	76,592,146	93,699,278
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	3,997,358	72,588,586	73,301,991
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	7,372,367	91,252,964	120,781,925
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	2,999,200	47,516,077	35,293,055
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	659,569	12,[illegible]39,391	11,999,306
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	4,067,558	74,455,411	71,841,512
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	13,094,958	90,[illegible]36,921	45,280,084
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	368,119	12,601,526	13,237,078
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	2,783,225	95,691,485	61,539,233
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	3,318,767	29,517,440	39,252,026
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	4,042,109	56,579,060	36,925,390
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	4,027,301	56,[illegible]90,514	59,395,417
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	1,482,340	18,[illegible]59,[illegible]23	21,029,601
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	9,244,599	149,[illegible]28,704	199,073,390
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	4,941,139	90,836,475	37,524,455
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	6,229,600	87,501,300	92,013,100
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NC, CAR	2,458,746	86,[illegible]80,121	74,422,911
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	3,926,903	87,960,[illegible]71	66,271,154
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	5,249,305	116,606,[illegible]11	85,661,360
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	5,[illegible]54,539	93,026,[illegible]45	57,076,811
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	406,360	21,[illegible]45,449	14,572,455
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	6,929,372	73,515,429	106,661,339
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	3,326,056	46,363,732	57,414,626
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	7,109,240	147,[illegible]29,235	156,753,216
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	3,483,039	45,083,[illegible]12	25,311,175
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	1,[illegible]4,[illegible]4	50,423,[illegible]99	39,566,409
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	962,550	42,126,555	56,151,679
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	2,429,530	62,[illegible]32,[illegible]41	55,825,230
118.	RALEIGH, NC, CAR	7,984,510	125,[illegible]92,151	116,200,909
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	5,903,152	43,256,[illegible]7	37,102,526
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	5,675,417	[illegible]2,365,199	77,568,345
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	7,071,010	69,[illegible]34,256	80,569,301
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	6,493,460	52,052,350	49,175,884
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	1,459,206	24,051,[illegible]24	21,347,421
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	2,742,870	69,[illegible]13,596	110,517,728
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	5,270,058	71,350,446	75,574,468
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	1,407,765	19,[illegible]19,[illegible]79	14,342,742
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	1,[illegible]90,662	17,920,629	43,965,284
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	4,136,920	62,726,[illegible]79	55,265,737
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	234,360	5,[illegible]39,703	5,764,667
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	6,247,643	34,451,203	48,071,730
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	631,730	24,767,262	21,250,235
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	664,410	14,072,[illegible]56	57,619,426
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	3,303,053	60,[illegible]50,489	63,434,084
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	10,945,163	100,227,201	69,332,992
135.	CANTON, OHIO	1,920,553	31,40[illegible]414	21,058,257
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	1,913,030	21,319,729	23,374,406
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	6,476,681	162,576,529	53,747,204
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	10,367,473	130,153,267	155,513,130
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	920,500	12,396,739	12,393,643
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	[illegible]2,517	29,912,496	14,468,336
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	[illegible],429,796	174,327,[illegible]91	158,006,502
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	3,963,018	113,715,368	87,517,354
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	167,725	5,479,739	5,309,641
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	5,267,497	79,406,811	78,082,524
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	7,405,128	97,625,555	47,253,759
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	1,819,798	9,923,906	14,947,743
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	5,000,865	5,301,844	17,419,528
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	794,219	41,403,937	21,170,105
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	805,194	15,357,995	7,870,329
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	15,652,300	157,331,400	150,482,400
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	1,737,420	25,812,221	26,251,649
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,835,573	29,550,073	40,458,590
153.	PARMA, OHIO	775,450	27,333,700	17,984,955
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	1,701,059	35,879,305	41,780,421
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	4,349,745	73,751,711	50,861,674
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	4,981,159	80,[illegible]63,097	75,357,191
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	7,426,992	128,603,132	41,365,435
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,353,544	32,100,983	35,120,971
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	15,311,199	104,143,041	71,726,979
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	10,469,950	16,490,124	3,898,921
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	3,041,242	46,290,921	34,750,012
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	10,950,463	105,496,265	115,292,433
163.	WACO, TEXAS	3,500,547	80,310,468	45,962,439
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	4,030,061	23,993,014	15,461,560
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	621,130	21,462,169	25,871,848
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	8,758,932	90,583,261	68,316,590
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	4,536,441	65,602,198	64,937,798
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	10,737,904	33,474,157	24,457,409
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	399,068	10,854,873	19,516,897
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	1,347,960	[illegible],071,430	15,418,730
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	5,328,029	59,869,795	45,174,974
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	393,162	7,851,109	9,076,575
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	2,047,143	14,625,195	16,542,139
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	29,769,855	341,055,052	263,207,468
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	1,825,588	26,104,355	45,643,797
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	18,458,217	27,775,525	5,890,438
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,364,337	17,[illegible]26,225	15,684,333
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	6,398,154	59,761,329	84,347,770
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	5,370,045	75,412,911	54,421,983
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	522,903	[illegible]4,[illegible]41,363	62,957,609
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	519,366	13,854,009	16,496,849
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	4,660,071	60,071,548	37,292,059
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	462,092	5,024,877	5,582,711
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,148,249	22,317,406	19,975,329
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	6,629,329	146,075,267	64,733,445
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	467,836	5,242,303	4,473,580
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	600,707	12,452,373	9,029,683
188.	GREENBAY, WISCONSIN	1,818,894	55,634,411	39,303,143
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,902,476	32,50[illegible],065	34,266,321
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	5,609,628	43,833,563	131,267,797
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	363,534	5,917,004	12,558,113
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	5,483,203	85,932,447	47,381,068
193.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	5,022,404	40,189,239	34,855,087
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	2,064,048	16,727,564	22,054,804
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	1,361,904	25,930,227	20,196,362
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	11,634,471	54,615,657	91,913,613
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	753,900	13,755,675	55,160,356
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	475,490	31,210,339	31,902,893
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	285,950	9,993,570	8,335,950
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	405,261	48,029,121	12,213,455
TOTALS:	200 LARGEST CITIES LISTED ABOVE	2,495,786,359	27,831,029,638	23,656,912,671

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES AGAIN SHOW MONTHLY DECLINE BUT REMAIN AHEAD OF YEAR AGO

New York, September 30--For the second consecutive month, building permits in the 200 largest cities slipped in December to $2,184,572,996, some 12.5 per cent below the previous month's level of $2,495,786,359, reports Dun & Bradstreet. This dollar volume, the third smallest in all of 1979, still represented a 20.8 per cent advance over its year-earlier, December 1978, reading of $1,809,134,416.

Plans filed by builders in New York subsided very sharply, some 37.7 per cent, in December to $212,941,067 from their 11-year high of $341,979,795 a month earlier. Nonetheless, December's total was the city's second highest since August 1971 and signified almost a three-fold improvement over the $79,213,953 volume of December 1978.

Building permit values for the 199 cities outside New York decreased moderately in the last month of 1979, to $1,971,631,929, slowing 8.5 per cent from $2,153,806,564 a month before. While Hollywood (Florida), Miami, Phoenix, Oakland, and Honolulu posted substantial contrasting gains in December, Dallas, Philadelphia, and St. Louis shared heavily in the overall general decline. On a year-to-year basis, however, permit activity in the 199 cities exceeded its similar 1978 pace of $1,729,920,463 by 14 per cent.

During the full twelve months of 1979 building permits totalled $30,015,602,634 in the 200 largest cities, almost 18 per cent above the $25,466,047,087 sum for all of 1978. Houston led all other cities in cumulative 1979 figures, surpassing the $2 billion mark, followed by Los Angeles, New York, Dallas, and Chicago. Seattle, New York, Boston, and Atlanta saw aggregate 1979 increases ranging from 64.1 per cent to 116.6 per cent.

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2. DECEMBER BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January.....	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475	$ 1,094,555,899
February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359,299,738
June.....	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....	2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....	2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total	$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022	$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the twelve months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		Twelve Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1.	Houston, Texas.....	2096.7	+ 29.9
2.	Los Angeles, California.....	1673.4	+ 19.1
3.	New York, New York.....	1276.1	+ 73.4
4.	Dallas, Texas.....	949.0	+ 15.6
5.	Chicago, Illinois.....	778.6	+ 17.0
6.	San Diego, California.....	709.2	- 0.2
7.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	703.2	+ 28.5
8.	San Francisco, California.....	623.9	+ 16.8
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	567.0	+ 34.5
10.	Seattle, Washington.....	474.1	+ 64.1
11.	San Jose, California.....	452.0	+ 31.0
12.	Austin, Texas.....	447.5	+ 28.1
13.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	403.0	+ 116.6
14.	Columbus, Ohio.....	370.5	- 20.1
15.	San Antonio, Texas.....	359.2	+ 49.7
16.	Arlington, Texas.....	354.4	+ 21.9
17.	Fort Worth, Texas.....	341.7	+ 25.7
18.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.....	326.9	- 0.8
19.	Denver, Colorado.....	322.7	+ 13.7
20.	Boston, Massachusetts.....	313.1	+ 90.9
21.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	312.5	+ 4.2
22.	Indianapolis, Indiana.....	307.3	- 40.7
23.	Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	300.3	+ 6.7
24.	Sacramento, California.....	298.5	+ 49.0
25.	Virginia Beach, Virginia.....	290.9	+ 18.3

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PRESPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INDLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTAIL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		DECEMBER 1979	TWELVE MONTHS 1979	TWELVE MONTHS 1978
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	201,302,147	846,834,631	431,589,114
	BRONX	4,119,900	87,200,918	65,594,265
	BROOKLYN	2,384,190	131,241,951	105,222,053
	QUEENS	2,986,600	110,743,869	56,079,418
	RICHMOND	2,148,030	100,042,789	77,336,653
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	212,941,067	1,276,064,158	735,821,503
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINIOS	71,631,992	778,637,154	665,438,879
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	173,821,044	1,673,408,341	1,405,133,208
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	8,743,527	326,947,033	329,676,733
5.	DETRIOT, MICHIGAN	7,849,104	192,873,609	160,360,990
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	119,693,319	2,096,703,894	1,614,347,081
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	16,997,908	237,009,923	276,533,465
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	38,512,444	968,571,354	820,906,508
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	5,670,691	273,054,230	273,088,272
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	1,904,569	104,772,383	113,469,567
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	10,410,545	387,265,248	518,446,716
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	6,265,547	147,994,061	157,414,919
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	30,904,190	623,917,130	534,189,533
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	42,103,252	709,247,829	710,209,728
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	21,694,316	359,190,462	239,899,350
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	8,065,000	313,059,237	163,970,400
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	13,340,081	209,647,087	196,189,741
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	13,745,425	165,277,116	115,744,579
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	5,718,407	267,077,122	189,387,578
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	75,941,071	703,244,844	547,484,866
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	25,283,249	370,506,847	463,769,951
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	22,939,681	474,129,014	289,004,876
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	10,729,989	240,484,515	226,210,132
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	2,333,898	108,368,188	89,264,159
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	20,210,197	322,704,315	283,790,480
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	18,372,689	214,206,023	179,584,875
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	15,227,311	403,049,899	186,044,436
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	4,019,903	31,452,748	46,689,001
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	12,618,883	231,732,828	151,612,774
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	13,387,464	255,964,508	298,390,447
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	28,164,913	451,979,106	345,123,202
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	20,757,786	241,337,172	215,699,065
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	25,732,456	341,661,542	271,789,488
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	11,233,442	156,844,869	91,096,573
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	20,974,280	238,065,851	237,159,010
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	430,925	27,010,123	68,797,941
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	10,742,741	312,462,035	299,870,500
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	39,020,444	165,379,264	137,678,577
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	2,448,000	41,352,314	76,741,632
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	8,028,422	117,544,639	82,434,500
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	5,220,588	126,365,688	104,439,864
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	82,665,345	270,401,528	90,830,621
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	24,483,406	287,114,878	424,009,909
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	76,855,323	566,991,017	421,691,907
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	10,370,544	238,078,103	219,136,394
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	19,151,664	158,250,366	140,612,294
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	2,422,069	69,471,060	46,889,537
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	4,839,424	127,149,302	125,374,866
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	3,646,390	39,045,423	31,493,793
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	4,714,519	88,539,274	88,141,206
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	5,948,820	184,066,878	126,764,375
52.	AKRON, OHIO	2,867,759	48,125,634	55,520,088
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	15,173,033	216,408,846	139,371,113
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	676,707	28,007,560	12,672,407
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	20,895,191	298,513,212	200,397,305
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	29,047,963	447,455,604	349,190,517
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	4,623,888	49,749,375	57,912,677
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	10,456,066	300,253,562	281,343,993
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	5,325,242	88,377,210	44,590,961
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	13,370,334	150,726,075	142,277,950
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	7,591,445	101,758,578	73,231,965
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	7,147,082	161,859,779	135,724,381
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	6,422,600	17,712,431	17,822,066
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	1,370,149	93,093,432	61,361,371
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	3,263,905	68,423,418	53,203,354
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	318,435	50,882,859	26,925,886
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	2,797,175	51,563,610	50,255,507
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	7,659,361	110,049,766	79,887,658
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	4,461,518	116,389,970	204,919,738
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	186,041	7,575,710	14,076,489
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	2,494,300	29,773,235	30,820,550
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	8,505,136	88,080,059	85,433,181
73.	WORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	8,557,024	26,086,375	31,950,273
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	13,933,820	193,941,051	97,286,321
75.	GARY, INDIANA	1,235,983	33,225,455	12,391,836
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	4,092,069	85,392,177	128,303,190
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	7,924,080	76,613,246	72,683,787
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	6,690,083	290,885,461	245,924,541
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	10,469,740	165,094,695	120,025,898
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	1,780,407	59,264,308	66,839,056
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	12,371,612	177,445,939	157,794,190
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	8,257,152	199,647,101	204,148,582
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	13,612,237	192,209,333	168,997,938
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	2,204,276	54,423,741	17,633,842
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	5,723,701	65,709,366	45,168,387
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	5,222,997	84,183,940	113,444,108
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	1,452,417	18,303,128	14,876,602
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	7,790,254	133,266,344	79,300,755
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	3,756,504	49,816,253	60,185,526
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	2,692,685	79,274,831	100,834,231
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	5,548,955	78,137,541	77,267,077
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	7,330,786	104,584,750	131,237,907
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	2,464,719	49,982,796	37,310,602
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	618,163	13,353,544	19,328,292
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	8,434,458	82,889,869	77,317,882
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALFIRONIA	3,773,243	84,010,064	47,498,918
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	575,970	13,257,496	14,606,978
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	2,871,225	98,552,690	63,528,318
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	1,058,472	30,575,912	42,802,530
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	4,406,782	60,985,842	37,615,467
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	5,694,810	63,793,124	65,175,321
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	4,650,152	24,409,975	24,558,441
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	8,194,413	196,123,117	211,988,023
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	5,383,890	45,020,515	39,292,370
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	2,296,400	89,798,200	95,668,200
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR	1,300,460	77,371,281	81,038,928
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	11,089,898	99,080,769	67,892,974
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	16,012,482	132,699,393	91,626,151
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	5,199,761	62,226,376	38,219,050
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	436,400	22,280,349	15,170,865
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	6,990,447	84,505,873	115,296,066
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	2,048,200	48,431,932	58,985,226
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	10,497,894	207,756,129	169,696,878
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	1,013,980	44,097,162	27,725,792
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	2,178,699	52,801,788	44,080,160
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	862,650	42,991,985	59,487,535
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	2,841,700	70,773,741	38,345,746
118.	RALEIGH, NO. CAR	8,713,567	132,695,698	123,375,024
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	1,182,987	44,419,874	38,594,781
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	2,035,469	84,340,968	83,603,584
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	2,978,657	72,617,913	82,178,405
122.	SAVANAH, GEORGIA	2,263,880	54,316,230	50,224,811
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	1,190,621	30,228,445	22,566,713
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	3,538,129	89,251,827	114,226,080
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	7,061,353	78,397,299	93,760,251
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	1,612,070	21,031,949	14,791,568
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	2,130,639	20,051,268	44,839,900
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	16,233,717	78,962,096	61,542,210
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	384,750	7,224,453	6,155,644
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,247,837	35,699,120	49,995,971
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,358,667	26,125,949	23,502,233
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	1,850,090	85,932,348	61,805,726
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	12,912,699	72,963,187	65,557,510
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	1,290,076	101,517,277	72,631,846
135.	CANTON, OHIO	433,588	31,842,002	21,681,813
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	252,394	21,572,123	23,862,385
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	21,467,810	184,044,339	56,539,074
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	2,904,656	133,057,923	143,769,718
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	974,821	13,371,560	14,516,393
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	1,180,602	31,093,098	14,911,219
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	14,899,402	189,227,293	181,916,414
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	55,566,220	169,281,588	90,338,412
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	178,113	5,657,852	6,474,535
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	1,924,758	81,331,569	83,639,680
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	2,836,376	100,461,931	50,706,814
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	961,507	10,885,313	15,005,295
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	390,747	8,692,591	17,802,573
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	492,624	41,896,561	26,782,886
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	4,974,004	20,331,999	8,386,886
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	18,180,900	175,512,300	160,508,000
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	2,897,216	28,709,437	27,657,762
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,665,135	31,215,208	43,386,329
153.	PARMA, OHIO	849,550	28,183,250	18,437,855
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	4,378,324	40,258,229	42,700,770
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	2,748,743	81,500,454	62,077,450
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	2,270,714	83,163,811	76,406,048
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	2,957,190	131,560,322	45,604,127
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	566,913	32,667,896	37,461,419
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	4,220,076	108,363,917	80,103,682
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	291,800	16,771,924	4,160,221
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	2,026,783	48,307,704	37,644,915
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	26,902,097	134,398,362	121,350,634
163.	WACO, TEXAS	2,771,362	83,081,930	47,932,549
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	1,488,521	25,482,335	16,231,820
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	257,480	21,719,649	26,010,048
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	9,795,720	90,378,981	76,386,458
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	4,509,396	70,111,594	69,647,778
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	741,530	34,215,687	26,202,012
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	66,386	10,921,259	19,596,635
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	339,390	8,410,820	16,772,320
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	1,255,671	61,124,466	46,935,203
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	302,849	8,153,958	11,107,875
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	741,999	15,367,194	17,033,065
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	13,365,810	354,418,862	290,689,757
175.	DECATUR, ILLIONIS	2,415,890	29,220,245	49,421,892
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	2,822,680	30,598,205	6,455,747
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	2,190,950	21,177,175	16,289,402
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	3,250,914	63,012,243	88,628,753
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	1,841,845	77,334,756	63,209,425
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	641,470	59,522,823	65,841,064
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	370,873	14,224,882	16,643,097
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	7,350,002	67,421,550	40,879,247
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	3,711,035	8,739,912	5,794,151
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,578,627	23,896,033	20,944,891
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	2,893,509	148,968,776	68,603,320
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	76,000	5,318,303	4,746,324
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	457,995	13,310,368	9,500,886
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	4,043,753	59,678,164	40,364,149
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	2,564,835	35,070,900	36,210,586
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	7,438,925	91,272,488	136,682,313
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	511,107	9,428,111	12,720,517
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	7,736,628	93,669,075	48,163,353
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	1,281,653	41,470,892	35,710,203
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	1,249,504	17,977,068	23,254,638
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	228,685	26,158,912	21,126,818
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	8,581,801	63,197,458	92,748,895
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	197,865	13,953,540	55,596,760
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	1,362,277	32,572,616	32,271,214
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	133,150	10,116,720	8,850,475
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	417,692	48,446,813	13,006,983
TOTALS:	200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	2,184,572,996	30,015,602,634	25,466,047,087

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